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Kabul ready for talks with U.N., Pakistan

NEW DELHI, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost said Friday his country is ready to open talks with Pakistan and Iran in the presence of U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. Dost told reporters at Delhi airport on his arrival here to attend the conference of foreign ministers of nonaligned (see related story on back page) nations that Afghanistan was willing to sit at the negotiating table with neighbors Pakistan and Iran and discuss solutions to the trouble in the region.

The minister said there had been moves recently in "certain quarters" for the talks and that such a dialogue "might keep us here longer" than the four-day conference that begins Monday, Dost said. He added that Afghanistan has "no objection to the presence of the United Nations Secretary General at these talks," which he said finally might materialize in New Delhi.

If the three agree to sit down together, "we would reciprocate whatever is coming from the other side," Dost said. He declined to elaborate.

Meanwhile, Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat said in an interview published in London Friday he would be prepared to act as a mediator over Afghanistan. "As a friend of the Afghan people, I am looking for a solution to this issue," *The London Times* quoted him as saying.

He said: "It must be the principle that Afghanistan is a part of the Islamic group, that she is a member of the non-aligned nations and that there should be no interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan."

Arafat, who was interviewed in Beirut, said he was prepared to travel anywhere, including Moscow, if asked by the Afghan people to mediate. He said that a Palestinian state, if created, would be a liberal democracy with free elections. It would be ready to enter a special relationship with Jordan, he added.

Arafat also said the PLO was waiting to see what action the new U.S. administration would take on the Middle East, and added that he hoped it would recognize Palestinian legal rights which had been accepted by the United Nations.

In Islamabad, Peter Blair, British minister of state for foreign and Commonwealth relations, said Friday that Britain considers the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan essential for world peace. The minister, on a week's visit to Pakistan, met with President Gen. Zia Ul-Haq Thursday.



Afghanistan Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost

Russia assails policies

U.S. retracts neutron hints

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Stung by hostile reaction from U.S. allies, the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan is hastily retreating from a suggestion by its own defense secretary that the United States "very probably" will want to deploy the neutron weapon in Western Europe.

State Department officials said Thursday night they were trying to put out "a brushfire" caused by Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger's remarks earlier this week.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, blamed the allies' concern on what they called incomplete news accounts of Weinberger's statement. They said the Reagan administration is providing the allies with a full text of the defense chief's comments Tuesday at his first Pentagon news conference.

State Department spokesman William Dyess emphasized Thursday there has been

no change in U.S. policy and no decision has been made on whether to revive the plan shelved by former President Jimmy Carter to deploy the neutron weapon.

Any such decision would be made only after close consultation with U.S. allies, Dyess said.

The New York Times reported in Friday's editions, meanwhile, that Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. sent the allies a message Wednesday advising them to disregard Weinberger's comments.

Weinberger, responding to reporters' questions, said: "I think that the opportunity that this weapon gives to strengthen tactical nuclear forces is one that we very probably would want to make use of."

The New York Times, quoting administration officials, said the allies were being told by Secretary Haig that Weinberger's statement on the neutron weapon does not reflect the official government position.

In an effort to prevent a rift within the NATO countries, Haig approved a State Department message to all members of the alliance that assured them the Reagan administration had made no decision on whether to go ahead with the weapon, the newspaper said. Gen. David C. Jones, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, also had dissociated himself from Weinberger's statement.

Tesifying before the house armed services committee Wednesday, Jones said the neutron issue should be restudied, but added, "we have to be very careful that we do not jeopardize what is a priority."

In another development, Soviet news media have launched a massive counterattack on U.S. foreign and domestic policies following American charges that Moscow promotes international terrorism.

The Soviets were clearly stung by the tough talk of Reagan's new administration. Reagan declared that the Soviets would "lie" and "cheat" to achieve their aims, and his secretary of state accused Moscow of supporting terrorism.

Meanwhile, Western Europe reacted coolly to hints in Washington that the U.S. might produce neutron bombs for deployment in Europe.

Britain, the talks for stocking neutron bombs in the United Kingdom was discounted by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to the House of Commons after the question was brought up by leader of the labor opposition Michael Foot.

Referring to Weinberger's statement, Foot asked Mrs. Thatcher what her government intended to do in opposing the stationing of such weapons in Europe.

The premier sidestepped a direct answer, but argued that since the main interest of the neutron weapon was its effectiveness against

Gunmen kidnap Jordan official

BEIRUT, Feb. 6 (AP) — Gunmen stormed a Beirut apartment building Friday, kidnapping a Jordanian diplomat and his maid and killing a Jordanian bodyguard and a bystander, officials said. Jordanian officials linked the attack to Syria.

The Jordanian Foreign Ministry issued a statement calling on the Lebanese government to "face its responsibilities" toward the incident carried out by a "certain side that is accustomed to move in darkness and the absence of reason committing irresponsible acts to conceal its true face which is uncovered for the Arab people."

Sources said a leaflet found at the Jordanian charge d'affaires bullet-riddled apartment building claimed responsibility on behalf of the "Lefost Arab National Organization" and accused Jordan of telling lies about Syria. Jordanian sources said the group was Syrian.

The privately-owned "Voice of Lebanon" radio said an anonymous telephone caller claimed responsibility on behalf of the pro-Syria "Eagles of the Revolution," and threatened to execute the diplomat if Jordan refused to turn over Syrian pilots who defected to Jordan.

The kidnapers blocked the highway in front of charge Hisham Muhsissen's apartment building in the Joah residential neighborhood, and began firing as they approached the building, killing the bodyguard and a pedestrian outside, officials said.

Meanwhile, security officers at Beirut Airport found a parcel containing explosives shortly before it was to have been shipped aboard a KLM Royal Dutch airlines plane Friday, security sources said. No other details were immediately available.

TEHRAN, Feb. 6 (R) — Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai Friday forbade Iran's representatives to negotiate on the Gulf war until Iraq had withdrawn all its troops from Iranian territory and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had admitted he was the aggressor. "I announce that anyone having discussions as representative of the nation is not allowed to discuss the war until these two conditions are fulfilled," Rajai said during an open air prayer meeting at Tehran University.

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At U.N. conference

U.S. defends Israel; Arabs express shock

GENEVA, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Arab countries sharply criticized the United States Friday after a representative of President Ronald Reagan expressed shock at the "hatred, lies, racism and anti-Semitism" he heard during a United Nations session on human rights.

Dr. Michael Novak, delivering the Reagan administration's first statement to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, said the "murderous hatred" with which some countries had attacked Zionism recalled the German Nazi era.

But the U.S. admired Israel profoundly and wished the world to know that the two countries' destinies were irretrievably joined. Novak added during a debate on Israeli human rights violations in the occupied territories.

Novak, a theologian and writer by profes-

sion, told the 43-nation panel he had been shocked to hear "so much hatred, so many lies, such squalid racism, such despicable anti-Semitism" during the debate.

Syria and Iraq complained that Novak was insulting the whole commission. Algeria said it felt directly attacked by Novak's address, while the Arab League representative described it as "violent and incoherent."

With that, conference chairman Carlos Calero-Rodriguez of Brazil interrupted to caution Novak about his remarks on the commission and asked him to moderate his language.

"I have heard in this chamber attacks upon 'Zionism' in accents of murderous hatred not heard since the days of the Nazis," Michael J. Novak Jr., the principal

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Paris, Bonn agree

East-West stability vital

PARIS, Feb. 6 (R) — France and West Germany Friday set out essential requirements for maintaining peace and East-West stability and said the West should neither

accept a position of weakness nor seek military superiority. President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt also expressed their determination to cooperate in a spirit of trust with the new Reagan administration in the United States and reaffirmed their commitments to the Atlantic Alliance.

The leaders issued their statement after a two-day summit, a regular conference of the two governments under the 1963 Franco-German friendship treaty.

The president and chancellor said they intended to set joint and resolute action against destabilizing factors in the world and the dangers these created for peace. "They intend to apply three requirements upon which depend the stabilization of East-West relations and the maintenance of peace," the joint statement said.

The first of these was maintenance of a balance of security. "This excludes acceptance of a situation of weakness as well as any seeking of military superiority. It assumes that efforts to limit and reduce armaments should respect the principle of global balance of power. It also requires vigilance and dialogue," the statement added.

Help settle M.E., Yamani tells Reagan

LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE, Belgium (AP) — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani has called on U.S. President Ronald Reagan to help solve the Middle East stalemate and said, "if a peaceful solution is found, his country is willing to shed blood."

"We're prepared to use all we have. To fight. To shed blood to liberate Jerusalem," Yamani told reporters — Thursday after addressing a university study group.

"We hope the Reagan administration will strengthen its friends in the area," Yamani said. "We hope the administration will be an active one, to take decisions when needed so we don't see Russians gaining ground every day."

"We hope the Reagan administration will do what should be done to bring about a peaceful settlement, which will force Israel to leave occupied territories, which will give the Palestinians their homeland and state — raise their flag and insure the safety and security of all people in the area," he said.

He said Saudi Arabia would not use oil as a bargaining counter.

Gilmour urges role for PLO

DAMASCUS, Feb. 6 (AP) — Sir Ian Gilmour, the British deputy foreign minister stated here Friday the Palestine Liberation Organization "will have to be associated" in any negotiations for a settlement of the Middle East problem.

But this did not mean recognition of the PLO by the British government because "we in Britain do not recognize organizations, only states," Sir Ian added.

He was addressing airport newsmen at the end of an official visit during which he conferred with Syrian President Hafez Assad and

other officials, Gilmour left for Kuwait to continue a tour of Middle East countries. He said Assad informed him Syria welcomed the idea of an independent European initiative for a settlement of the Middle East problem. This should be based on Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territory, the recognition of the Palestinian right to self-determination and the freeing of Jerusalem, Sir Ian quoted Assad as adding.

"Syria has a crucial role to play in the Middle East and it is very important that we should continue an exchange of views with Syria," he added.

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Iraq's uranium stock safe, assures IAEA

VIENNA, Feb. 6 (AFP) — Enriched uranium delivered by France to Iraq is safely stored in its depot and has not been damaged in bombing during the war with Iran, David Fisher, deputy director of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), said here Friday. Fisher supervises exterior relations for the agency. He said that the IAEA had carried out a routine inspection two weeks ago at the nuclear center that is being constructed in Iraq.

"The Iraqis," he said, "have taken all necessary measures to protect the fuel following the departure of the French technicians." The technicians left after the center was bombed, apparently by Iranian aircraft although Israel has also been accused of carrying out the raid.

The Iraqi-Iranian conflict delayed the inspection, which had been scheduled for last autumn, Fisher said.

Bomb hits embassy of Republic of China

ROME, Feb. 6 (AP) — A bomb blast Friday damaged the embassy of the Republic of China to the Vatican but no injuries were reported, officials said. The blast went off around 1500 (1400GMT) when the embassy, in the Posh Parioli district, was closed for business. An embassy spokesman, who asked that his name not be used, said the blast caused considerable damage to the front floor, the elevator and walks in the entrance hall. Anti-terrorist police and firemen rushed to the scene.

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Stresses Kingdom's role

King addresses mosque league

RIYADH, Feb. 6 (SPA) — King Khaled Thursday reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's role as the prime promoter of Islam and custodian of Muslim shrines.

In a message to the sixth session of the World Supreme Council of Mosques, which opened at the Muslim World League's headquarters, the King said Saudi Arabia will spare no effort to back any Islamic activity anywhere in the world as long as it is benefi-

cial to Muslims. The King's message was read by Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen.

The King said Muslims today are in dire need of solidarity and cooperation to make a stand against anti-Islamic designs. He called for the implementation of decisions taken by Islamic heads of state and government to help solve international problems in general and Islamic problems in particular. King Khaled

is now president of the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference temporarily based in Jeddah until Jerusalem is liberated and the organization's headquarters moves there. As the third Islamic summit opened in Mecca last month, King Khaled took over the presidency from Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq and chaired the meetings.

King Khaled spoke in particular on the Muslims' main issues such as Palestine and Al-Quds (Jerusalem), Crown Prince Fahd's call for Jihad (holy struggle) and the occupation of Afghanistan. He said Islamic states and Muslims should endeavor to carry out the recent summit resolutions, each according to his capabilities. He also called for more efforts to restore the mosque's role as a lighthouse of religious education and culture.

He said the Kingdom already has pledged material and moral support to the World Supreme Council of Mosques and called on the delegates to endorse the resolution and recommendations of the third Islamic summit.

Taking the floor next, Ambassador Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mubarak, head of the Islamic desk at the Foreign Ministry, said the Kingdom's embassies will redouble their efforts to present to Muslims all they need.

Five committees were set up to handle the work of the conference: the Islamic Jurisprudence and Propaganda Committee, the Committee on Palestine, Al-Quds, Afghanistan and Muslims Minorities, the Financial Committee, the Proposals Committee and the Drafting Committee. The committees began their work Thursday evening.

Earlier in the day, Prince Saud gave a luncheon in honor of the delegates to which senior officials in Mecca were invited.

On foreign companies

Ministry applies contract ruling

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — Managers of foreign companies operating in the public sector have taken a comparatively relaxed view of their obligations under a Ministry of Commerce resolution to apply for a temporary license within 30 days of signing the public sector, *Saudi Business* reported Saturday.

However, the magazine said that foreign companies and their local representatives now are being advised to view the 30-day period more seriously. This is a result of Ministry of Commerce action that recently instituted proceedings before the Committee for the Settlement of Commercial Disputes against an English company which filed application for a temporary license four months after the contract signing — three months to date.

The urgency in obtaining the temporary license has been dictated more by commercial factors up to now, the magazine said. These factors include the requirement of the temporary license to visa foreign personnel, than fear of incurring the statutory penalty for delay, the magazine said.

In its charge against the English company the Ministry of Commerce said, "Since the

Salman to meet grads

RIYADH, Feb. 6 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman will officiate Wednesday at the graduation ceremony of the 19th class of officers from King Faisal Air Academy.

manager of this company did not apply for the licence within the specified 30 days, he should be required to explain this and be penalized accordingly." The Ministry recommended the maximum penalty.

Under Article 229, paragraphs 8 and 9 of the companies regulations, a fine of between SR5,000 and SR20,000 may be imposed for failure to comply with the Ministry of Commerce regulations. Theoretically, an offender is also liable to imprisonment for a period of between three months and one year though it is doubtful that this applies except for serious offences. Paragraph 10 of Article 229 states that "Fines imposed in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 should be deducted from the remuneration of members of the board, in accordance with Article 76 of this law."

At the time of writing, the outcome of the proceedings is not known and it remains to be seen what will constitute a justifiable reason for delay and what penalty will be imposed. Whatever the outcome of this specific case, foreign companies are advised to prepare the temporary license application, so far as possible, in advance of contract signing. Thirty days is likely to prove insufficient for preparation, translation, authentication and lodging of the application, unless the company is already familiar with the procedures involved or is represented by effective legal counsel.

For a detailed examination of documents and procedures involved for the obtaining of a Temporary License, see *Saudi Business*, August 29, 1980.

2m calls made Telephone network eased summit work

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH Feb. 6 — Heads of state, delegates and media representatives attending and covering the third Islamic summit conference benefited from one of the largest mobilizations of telecommunications equipment, facilities and personnel in the history of the Kingdom. The total volume of local, national and international calls stood at approximately 2,300,000, 50 per cent more than usual, according to a Saudi telephone report.

The Ministry of PTT, through Saudi Telephone, augmented all the network serving Taif in preparation for the conference. The successful completion of this special project involved great efforts by the ministry and Saudi Telephone personnel and the commitment of large amounts of equipment, the report added.

The complex arrangements for the conference were co-ordinated by the ministry's district managers in Taif. During the summit, Saudi Telephone's engineering department monitored the network continually and measured traffic flow hourly to ensure the conferees the best possible service. Long distance calls averaged about 90,000 per day, compared with the normal 60,000. The special international calling cabins established for the conference handled about 5,500 calls and peaked at more than 700 calls per day during the conference's final sessions — an average of one call processed every two minutes throughout the 24 hours per day operation of the centers, Saudi Telephone said.

In order to complete the massive task, specialists from across the Kingdom converged on Taif to assure a full complement of telecommunications expertise. Engineers, special service experts and installation crews

arrived to help. The trunk operating staff included 13 supervisors and 61 operators, plus 11 additional exchange personnel, all of whom were loaned to Taif. Saudi Telephone added approximately 1,000 new lines to various sites in Taif. More than 150 private lines serving special locations were installed and 250 direct channels were available for the

summit delegations to contact their countries without delay. Three complete communications centers were available for the press and guests. In addition to providing these circuits, three new microwave systems were installed to handle local traffic, with a total of 150 channels to the aircraft and 150 channels to the guest palace.

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COMMENT

By Muhammad Ahmed Hassani Al Nadwa

The news about the royal concern for the development of mental health facilities has been received with much pleasure. Of late, there has been talk about the deterioration of treatment at the existing hospital in Taif, because of the rising number of inmates at this solitary hospital.

According to the news report, a sum of SR3 billion has been allocated for the construction of a 1,000-bed modern hospital and the renovation of the existing one in Taif. With the completion of the whole project, the hospital is expected to have 4,000 beds with a convalescence home, a library and a nursing institute. Besides, the project includes the construction of 15

psychological health units, each with a capacity of 50 beds, in Mecca, Riyadh, Medina, Jeddah, Qassim, Tabuk, Hail, Dammam, Hofuf, Baha, Bisha, Abba, Nejran, Jizan and Yanbu.

With all our support and appreciation for this decision we would urge the authorities to extend more care and concern for those miserable ones whose state of mind has brought them to the brink of life. They deserve maximum sympathy and care, and we would take the liberty of calling upon officials of the projected hospitals to show the future inmates every compassion and mercy at their command. In fact, they would be expected to equip themselves with the rare quality of bearing the unusual behavior of the miserable patients.

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On regional cooperation

Gulf foreign ministers end talks

By Farouk Luqman

RIYADH, Feb. 6 — The Arab Gulf Cooperation Council is not a military pact or an alliance, but a body created to promote political, economic, social and security relations among the six states participating in the conference of foreign ministers here last week, according to conference sources.

The ministers of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates decided at their one-day meeting here Wednesday to organize a council and establish a secretariat to streamline coordination. Saudi Arabia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri told Arab ambassadors after the meeting that

the council is only a framework for existing cooperation among the states. "It is in no way a military alliance," he said while handing them copies of the final communique.

The conference originally was proposed by Kuwait prior to the third Islamic summit conference held in Taif last month. The Kuwaiti foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad toured the Gulf states with the draft of a working paper proposing the council and other aspects of Gulf cooperation. The paper was approved in advance and only a few details remained to be sorted out at the conference.

The ministers also discussed the paper and its ramifications during the luncheon given by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal at his

house where the ministers conferred. By the time they arrived at the racing club here at 8.30 p.m. the working paper discussions were finished and after dinner the communique was read to the press.

The statement, which was immediately dubbed by the local press as the Riyadh Declaration, after the Mecca Declaration issued by the Islamic leaders, said members states realized the many common features that united them religiously, socially, politically, culturally and that they aimed at developing the existing relationships even further for the good of their people and the stability of the region.

"For this reason," the communique said, "the foreign ministers have met with the aim of drawing up a plan and creating a structure to crystallize cooperation and coordination." They decided on the council and the secretariat and to meet periodically at the summit and foreign ministers levels in order to realize their objectives. This is in line with the charter of the Arab League which calls for greater regional cooperation.

The ministers decided to meet in Muscat March 8.

Experts from the member states will meet in Riyadh Feb. 24 and in Muscat March 4 to draw up an integrated plan for the functions of the council and the secretariat.

Speaking to reporters later on, Prince Saud said the ministers will "create a framework and build a foundation for it." This will serve to unite the attitudes of the states in one direction," he said.

A summit conference is likely to be held within the next three months, but further discussions will be held before that. Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad ibn Mubarak said although cooperation among the Gulf states had started a long time ago the council will "crystallize it from now on." Oman's Foreign Minister Qais Zawawi hoped the council will be a success and translate national aspirations into reality. The Kuwaiti minister denied that there was any intention of organizing a military pact. "The security of the region springs from within and the people are quite capable of protecting themselves and their land," he said.

After arriving in their respective capitals the ministers gave copies of the declaration to the Arab ambassadors and briefed them on its importance and implications.

Sultan denounces arms supply allegations

RIYADH, Feb. 6 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan ibn Abdul Aziz denied press reports that Saudi Arabia was supplying Iraq with arms. He described the reports as "absolutely unfounded."

In a statement to *Al-Difa'a* magazine (defense), Prince Sultan said Iraq has not requested arms from the Kingdom. Rumors to the contrary are media aggression serving parties that have interests in the continuity of the Iraq-Iran war, he said. "As previously declared, the Kingdom does not wish for this conflict to expand or continue. Saudi Arabia exerts all possible potentials to save Muslim bloodshed and resolve differences between the two countries in peaceful ways," the prince said.

The defense minister was speaking to senior armed forces officials at the Officers Club here Wednesday night. Prince Sultan spoke about the achievements of the third Islamic Summit conference that ended in Taif, which he said will secure the interests of the Islamic community and serve its crucial causes.

He reviewed the achievements of the Defense and Aviation Ministry and its activities. Prince Sultan stressed the need for speeding the construction of the ministry's projects on schedule. He called for more efforts and attention to the preparation and development stage of guidance and training to uphold defense capabilities of the Armed Forces.

Answering a question on the Zionist media campaign about Saudi Arabia purchasing sophisticated weaponry from West Germany, Prince Sultan said the "fabrication" of a campaign by Zionist media is nothing unnatural. "We did not officially order anything from Germany. And if we do, we would be exercising our natural right from the principle of sovereignty though we do not intend to attack any one."

He referred to the Zionist enemy's aggression and continuing attacks and said that Israel does not want anybody to be strong and ready to defend himself and his country. "Hence Zionists always fabricate such campaigns," Prince Sultan said.

In Washington, D.C. Saudi Arabian

Discusses Zionist aims

Ambassador Faisal Al-Hegelan disputed reports that 100 tanks from Eastern Europe had been shipped across Saudi Arabia to aid Iraq's war with Iran.

"I don't believe that took place," the ambassador told reporters during a state department visit. Hegelan said the matter did not come up during a one-hour meeting with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, which he described as a courtesy call.

Earlier this week U.S. officials said Soviet-designed T-55 tanks had been shipped from Poland to Iraq by way of Saudi Arabia.

Poland manufactures the Soviet-designed T-55 under licence, U.S. officials said. The T-55, which is the mainstay of the Iraqi armed forces, is also used by other East European Soviet-bloc countries but the officials said they did not know if they were involved. Acing department spokesman William Dyess, asked about the tank shipment, told reporters: "If we have such information, it came to us in a confidential manner and I would not be able to comment on it from this podium." One official said the shipment was regarded as "just a business deal" between Iraq and an East European supplier."



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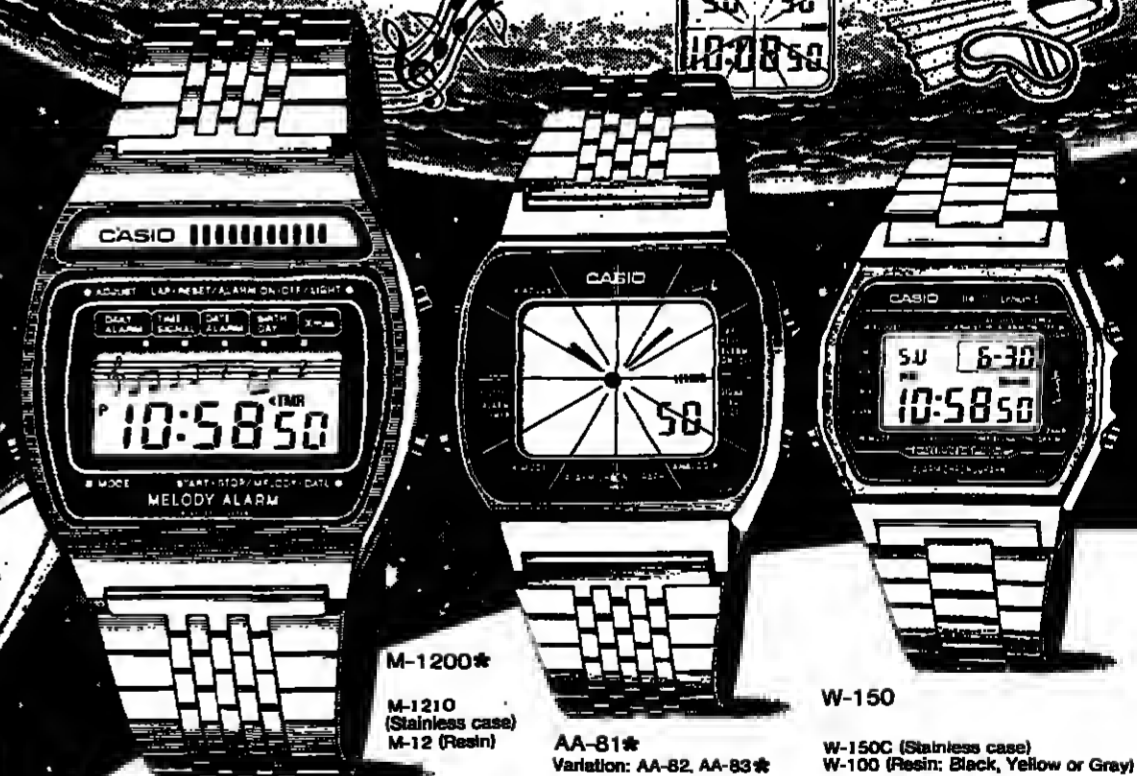
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Assad visiting Romania

Syria opposes 'arbitrary' solution imposed by U.S.

BUCHAREST, Feb. 6 (AP) — Visiting Syrian President Hafez Assad says his country opposes any form of "arbitrary" Middle East settlement imposed by "American imperialism."

In a banquet toast published in Romanian newspapers Friday, Assad also assailed the American-sponsored Camp David accords, saying they had led to Israeli annexation of the eastern part of Jerusalem and consolidated Israeli settlements in occupied Arab land.

Qaddafi warns France against Chad meddling

PARIS, Feb. 6 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, has said in a French television interview that he would defeat France "militarily, economically and politically" if it intervened in Chad.

"There is no direct quarrel between Libya and France but French colonialist interventions in Africa provoke clashes between France and its friends. In future, these interventions will work against French interests in Africa," he said Thursday.

Assad's remarks were thought to be the strongest attacks on Israel and the United States published in the Romanian state news media in recent years. Romanian President and Communist Party leader Nicolae Ceausescu has practised a relatively independent foreign policy within the Warsaw Pact. Romania is the only Warsaw Pact country which maintains diplomatic relations with Israel.

Romania once backed the Camp David accords but said last summer it had dropped its support. Assad was quoted as accusing the United States of "packing" the Middle East with military bases and charging that Israel had turned efforts to achieve peace into a "bargaining over (Arab) territory and rights."

Ceausescu, the host at the Thursday night banquet in Bucharest, repeated his call for a "global" settlement in the Middle East.

Assad arrived Thursday on an official "friendly" visit. He was accompanied by seven senior aides and government ministers, including Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam.



President Assad

Banned parties demand Zia's resignation

KARACHI, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Seven political parties in Pakistan Thursday night signed a declaration demanding the immediate lifting of martial law, the resignation of President Zia ul-Haq and free elections, a party leader said. All political parties have been banned by the military government since 1979 but many have remained active underground, including the Pakistan People's Party of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, whose widow Begum Nusrat Bhutto signed the declaration on behalf of the party.

Another signatory Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, president of the Democratic Party, said the declaration was made after a five-hour meeting of party leaders. He said the declaration demanded that Gen. Zia should resign, martial law be lifted immediately and free, fair elections to the national and provincial assemblies be held within the three months under the 1973 constitution.

It added that power should be transferred to elected representatives and the rights of the country's four provinces should be fully restored and protected, he said.

He said the declaration stated: "Despite divergence in our political complexes, we the signatory parties to this declaration, feel it our moral duty and national obligation to apprise the nation of the gravity of the situation endangering Pakistan."

Nawabzada described the declaration as a "very important event" in Pakistan's history and said no major political party would be left out of the call for national unity. The declaration followed two weeks of political activity in the city during which Nawabzada met other political leaders.

U.K. pledges support for Muslim schools

By Ann Whitehouse
London Bureau

LONDON, Feb. 6 — The British government has confirmed its support for the establishment of Muslim schools in Britain, provided the initiative and most of the finance comes from the Muslim community. "We will certainly try and help as much as we can," Education Secretary Mark Carlisle told Britain's Muslims this week. "You have a perfect right to seek to establish your own schools, and you have a right to seek some state support for them," he said.

Over the last few years, there has been a growing call for both special Muslim schools and single sex schools in Britain by the nearly 2-million strong Muslim community. But Carlisle reminded Muslims that the Christian denominational schools in Britain were originally set up without state assistance and the Muslims must do likewise.

Muslim schools could only be authorized if they provided a full secular education as well as religious instruction, he continued. And adequate support at a local level must be demonstrated before state assistance would be offered, at a time of falling numbers in Britain's existing schools.

Carlisle was speaking at a large meeting of British Muslims on the occasion of the Prophet's Birthday. Over 200 Muslims from organizations throughout the country attended a dinner in the Hilton Hotel, London, organized by the Union of Muslim Organizations.

Other speakers included Timothy Ruison, minister of state at the Home Office, Denis Howell, on behalf of the Labor Party and Sir Jan Percival, solicitor-general.

Meanwhile, the Home Office is to begin an immediate investigation into racist groups in Britain, following a meeting this week between Home Secretary William Whitelaw and a delegation from the joint committee against racism. Whitelaw will also discuss with the police forces the possibility of setting up police units to monitor and investigate racist attacks both in London and outside, according to a delegate from the joint committee.

These measures will be particularly welcomed by members of the Muslim community, who have recently suffered a growing number of violent incidents. In the last six months British mosques have been attacked and violated at least six times and many more Muslim premises have been defaced.

Bani-Sadr protests to France over Mirage deal with Iraq

NICOSIA, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr of Iran has protested to his French counterpart describing the delivery of French-made Mirage jet fighters to Iraq as a hostile act, reported Paris, the official Iranian news agency.

"The delivery of Mirage airplanes and other armaments to the aggressor regime of Iraq by your government has created a wave of disappointment and disbelief in our nation," Bani-Sadr said in his message of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing Thursday.

Bani-Sadr added that it "is natural that the Iranian nation considers this measure as a hostile measure and as an action against the

existence and independence of Iran.

"I have no doubt of the fact that this measure taken by your government is going to work against the interests of the French nation and its friendly relations with the people of Iran," Bani-Sadr said.

In the meantime, the Iranian parliament (Majlis) has protested to France over its decision to deliver Mirage fighter-bombers to Iraq, state radio reported. The Majlis asked that the deliveries should be suspended. Last weekend, France handed over to the Iraqis the first four of 60 Mirages ordered before the outbreak of last September's war between Iraq and Iran.

Defense minister says

Kuwait army can repel aggression

KUWAIT, Feb. 6 (AP) — Kuwait's defense minister was quoted as saying his country's armed forces were capable of repelling any aggression.

"In view of the regional and international development we have built a strong army that is capable of protecting our key installations," the minister, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah was quoted as saying in an interview with the newspaper *Al Qabas* Thursday.

Sheikh Sabah added that Kuwait's armed forces "enjoy a high degree of military effi-

ciency thanks to their up-to-date training and the availability of weapons we are getting from both East and West."

Sheikh Salem was quoted as warning that the continuation of the war between Iran and Iraq could provide the enemies of Islam with the opportunity "to create another Palestine in the Arabian Gulf." He hoped the special conciliation commission appointed by the organization of Islamic Conference may work out an acceptable formula for ending the war.

Peres to retain W. Bank settlements

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6 (AP) — Shimon Peres, leader of Israel's opposition Labor Party, has said that a Labor government would not evacuate any of Israel's settlements in the occupied West Bank. But Peres, whom public opinion polls pick to upset Prime Minister Menachem Begin in next summer's elections, said some settlements may be outside Israeli jurisdiction in a Labor-negotiated solution in the West Bank.

"The borders we will seek will not necessarily be identical to the pattern of (existing)

settlements," Peres said in an Israeli television interview. But he said a Labor government would continue to build Israeli settlements in areas it considers necessary for security, such as the Jordan River Valley.

Peres has said that as prime minister he would honor all of the Begin government's international commitments. But despite the Palestinian autonomy plan outlined in the Camp David peace accords, Peres has pressed for a territorial compromise in the West Bank as part of a settlement with Jordan.

BRIEFS

GENEVA, (R) — The number of Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union who traveled on to Israel from the Vienna transit center in January was the lowest for 10 years, the Intergovernmental Committee for Migration said Friday.

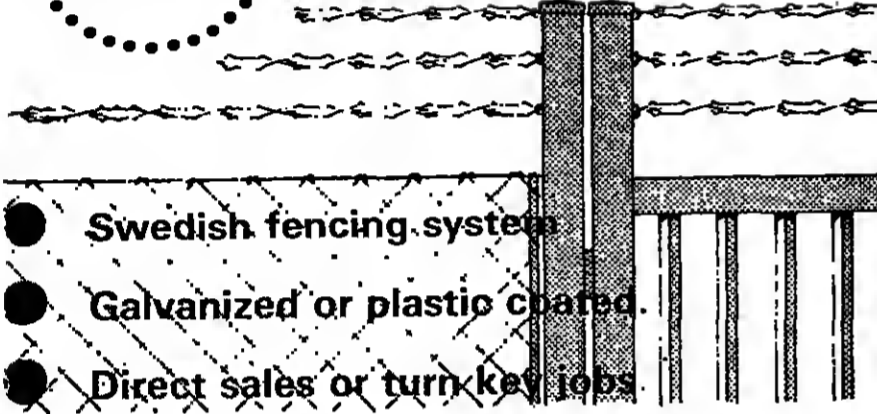
TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will meet with Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Washington this month, the foreign ministry said Friday. Officials said Shamir was also to visit Mexico and other countries in Central America.

BEIRUT, (R) — Maj.-Gen. William Cal-

laghan of Ireland, commander-designate of United Nations peacekeeping troops in South Lebanon, conferred with Lebanese Prime Minister Sbaic Wazzan Friday.

DUBAI, (AFP) — About 50 illegal Pakistani immigrants drowned as they tried to swim ashore after their coaster ran into trouble off the United Arab Emirates, the English language daily *Khaleef Times* has reported.

CAIRO, (AP) — Nepal's King Birendra bid a smiling farewell Friday morning to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, ending a six-day state visit that included official talks



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U.S. will repel Russian attack, says Pentagon

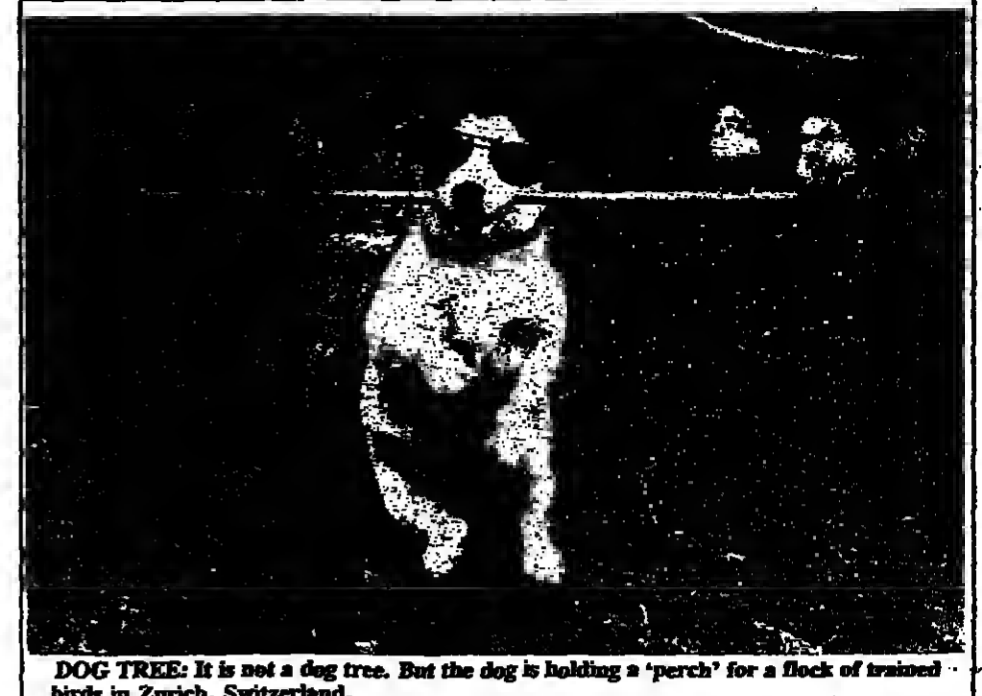
By Michael Getler

WASHINGTON, (WP) — If the unthinkable happened and the Soviet Union attacked Washington or some other United States...

Though the United States has several alternate headquarters, some of them underground, for what is called the "national command authority," meaning the president...

made, the report says that "communications to and from strategic forces are somewhat deficient," and that "uncertainties of assured communications in the periods" during and after an attack still exist.

ing and ranking specialist on this issue, says it is this redundancy, which involves not only different paths but includes land lines, radio and satellite communications on a variety of frequencies, that insures that at least some will survive to carry the messages.



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Leftists gaining ground in Bolivia

By Cynthia Gornay

BUENOS AIRES, (WP) — On a recent terrorism in the Bolivian capital of La Paz, according to reports from Bolivia, about a dozen young members of Bolivia's outlawed revolutionary Leftist Movement gathered...

A total of nine persons reportedly died in the raid, including one security agent and artemio camargo, top leader of the miners' union at the huge Catavi Mine Complex.

The plotters' targets, official declared, were to have included former Presidents Gen. Hugo Banzer, Victor Paz Estenssoro and Gen. Alberto Natusch Busch as well as a lengthy list of other military and civilian figures.

Soviet command and control network is generally viewed as simpler, better protected and thus better able to survive than this country's. The Soviets, sources say, for many years had an inferior missile force at a time when the United States had a policy of massive retaliation.

Kind of nuclear attack, maybe even one that doesn't come from Moscow, is possible in the next 20 years. If the answer is yes, he says, then the United States ought to have very sure ways of giving a measured response during a time of certain confusion.

The question of whether the command network function in the aftermath of an atomic attack is an old one dating to the mid-1960s when EMP effects first became worrisome and the Soviets started to build a large missile force.

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Moscow greets Reagan in divided spirit

By Mark Frankland

LONDON — The Soviet Union has greeted the new American administration in a divided spirit. On the one hand, there have been the usual expressions of restrained, statesmanlike optimism, such as "we hope to see a pragmatic Ronald Reagan." On the other, there has been an unusual outpouring of scorn about America's inadequacy as a great power.

True, much of this has been expressed in the "acceptable" form of attacks on the outgoing administration which a foreign affairs specialist described last month in Moscow as "semi-literate and semi-cultured."

The bitterness that has built up in Moscow during the Carter presidency explains some of present venom. A remarkable example was a recent article in *Literary Gazette* which attacked both the personality and the politics of Zbigniew Brzezinski. It described Carter's national security adviser as a man with "the face of an aging sparrow" who, although born into the Polish gentry, had always been envious of the fame of grander Polish aristocrats such as Radziwills and Potockis.

Other Russians make no attempt to hide that their scorn is for American leadership in general, not just for the departed Jimmy Carter.

An experienced Soviet journalist complained recently about the American "inferiority complex" which was preventing it from keeping a sane relationship with the Soviet Union. An associate of the Central Committee's International Information Department, a figure of consequence, wrote recently in the press that "presidents of the United States turn out to be ever more disgraceful failures, one after the other." He also caught the truculence in the present Soviet mood. Referring to the vast energy reserves of the Soviet Union, he wrote: "Those who are planning our ruin may one day have to turn to us with outstretched hands."

If there is a palpable feeling of national self-assertion in Moscow (a feeling that is constantly being sharpened by what Russians believe to be American reluctance to treat them as equals) one also detects worry about the way the world is going and thus over the need to have a decent working relationship with Washington.

True, Soviet propaganda, echoing Soviet ideology, continues to confuse this. Soviet dogma remains historically optimistic. The world is going Moscow's way and therefore the Russians intervene in Afghanistan whereas the United States had no rights of intervention anywhere, ever.

Russians seem unaware of, or unable to admit, the intoleration strain such pronouncements put on their relations with the West. In part, this is because the assertion that the world is going Moscow's way is to be compared with assumptions about an eventual day of judgement: a time for the spirit, neither is much help with everyday problems.

It is for coping with the everyday problems of managing a world that seems, from Moscow, more and more dangerous, that the Russians are in their way looking to the new American administration. This is nowhere more obvious than in the Middle East.



The Third Islamic Summit (IV)

Plan of action to boost economic cooperation

(Editor's note: Following is the fourth of a seven-part series on the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Taif from Jan. 25 to 28).

By A Special Correspondent

JEDDAH — The summit agreed on seven resolutions in the economic field concerning: adoption of a plan of action to strengthen economic cooperation; establishment of an Islamic center for development of trade; investment agreement in member states; setting up of an Islamic Shipowners Association; help to least developed Islamic states; increase in capital of the Islamic Development Bank; and creation of a fund on food security.

The operative part of the first resolution on the plan of action is the briefest and simply reads as follows:

1. To approve the plan of action to strengthen economic cooperation among member states.
2. To direct the General Secretariat (of the OIC) to take appropriate measures without delay for the implementation of the plan of action.

The brevity of this resolution need not undermine its importance, as observers agree that this resolution has made a major breakthrough in the economic cooperation of OIC member states and given it a new direction. Thus the dimensions of the plan of action need close scrutiny to assess its significance.

The plan of action was finalized at a high level meeting of economic experts of OIC countries held in Ankara, Turkey in November last year within the framework of Third Development Decade of the United Nations. The meeting was also part of the efforts of the developing countries to establish the New International Economic Order and meant to supplant the unity and endeavors of these countries in their negotiations with the developed states.

It was motivated by the idea that economic cooperation among developing countries in general, and

OIC countries in particular, is the key element in the strategy of self-reliance and an essential instrument to bring about structural changes leading to a balanced and equitable process of global economic development and to remove the present yawning gap between the developed and developing countries.

The plan of action examines the economic prospects of the Islamic countries during the eighties and formulates a common strategy among these countries to ensure their sustained economic development. It also identifies concrete economic cooperation areas, and offers ways and means to improve the existing cooperation between these countries pursuant to the principles of self-reliance. Strategy, priorities, sustained development and economic independence are the key themes of this plan.

The ideas proposed in the plan of action for Islamic countries as adopted by the Third Islamic Summit can be summed up as follows:

1) Food and Agriculture: Balanced growth of agriculture, the development of agro-based and agro-related industries, creation of regional food reserves' stocks to ensure food security of the Islamic world, assistance for the Islamic countries affected by natural disasters.

2) Trade: Expansion and diversification of trade, enlargement of the share of intermediate and capital goods trade, equal and non-discriminatory commercial treatment toward one another without prejudice to the obligations under other agreements already concluded by member states, reviewing the existing preferential schemes with a view to linking and strengthening them, cooperation in maritime transport, cooperation among land-locked member states and their neighboring member states in the field of transportation, and implementing the decision of the Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference concerning the economic boycott of the Zionist regime of Israel. The PLO will have special facilities in the sphere of economic cooperation to help consolidate its struggle for the liberation of its homeland, Palestine.

3) Industry: Promotion and consolidation of joint ventures among member states, expansion and diversification of their industrial capacities, encouragement of projects especially geared toward attainment of industrial complementarities, creation of necessary mechanisms within the Islamic Development Bank for promotion of joint ventures and setting up of similar mechanisms in the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange with the expressed purpose of promoting joint ventures.

4) Transport, Communications and Tourism: Supporting the present activities being carried out in this field in the framework of the OIC, creation of institutional mechanisms for such activities and the establishment of the Islamic Shipowners Association, and harmonization of present activities in these fields.

5) Financial and Money Cooperation: Direct cooperation among financial institutions of the member states, strengthening the payment arrangements existing between member states through the conclusion and implementation of the proposed agreement on promotion, protection and guarantee of investments, stepping up the mutual exchange of information on financial and monetary matters.

6) Energy: Encouraging the most efficient method of utilization of energy, and the development of conventional and non-conventional sources of energy; encouraging greater cooperation among member states in areas related to the production of energy;

urging regional and international financial institutions to finance local projects related to enhancing self capabilities in the conventional and non-conventional energy fields in member states; exchanging expertise, technical experience and skilled manpower in the energy sector among member states.

7) Science and Technology: Harmonization of science and technology programs of the member states, encouragement of transfer of technology among them, preferential of technology available in member states, development and encouragement of research centers, and expediting the establishment of an Islamic foundation for advanced science and technology.

8) Manpower and Social Affairs: Linking skill flows with capital flows, enhancing manpower exchange among member states, taking measures to stop the "brain-drain" harmonizing training programs, and preparing a model social security agreement.

9) Population and Health Care: Improvement of health care in the member states and undertaking of research in the field of medicine, support of research work in this area, especially undertaking of study and research on population policy in member states to improve the responsiveness of population to their development efforts.

10) Technical Cooperation: Exchange of information and expertise between the member states, support to the training activities of subsidiary organs of the OIC and further activities as detailed in the draft plan of action.

It is thus evident that the plan of action is a comprehensive program of development and cooperation in the key economic sectors and is reported to have drawn enthusiastic and unanimous support of all member states and was adopted at the summit without much debate or modification. Crown Prince Fahd, in his opening statement at the summit, made special mention of this plan and other leaders are also said to have emphasized its importance and urged its prompt and total implementation.

The summit agreed to certain immediate steps to put this plan into early operation. Realizing that such a program demanded sector by sector in-depth studies on an ongoing basis and needed the creation of the requisite institutional framework, it was decided to set up a committee of ten member states headed by a head of state to implement the plan. A fund of \$3 billion was also created to provide the financial means for implementation of the strategy envisaged in the plan and to help the development of the less developed OIC countries. The Kingdom pledged an amount of \$1 billion and, according to official sources, Kuwait and UAE followed suit by committing half billion dollars each while Qatar pledged \$300 million to this development program. The short fall of \$700 million is expected to be made up by other affluent member states.

The development program is the first of its kind to be undertaken under the auspices of the OIC. While economic activity has been one of the major preoccupation of the OIC, and many of the ideas contained in the plan of action already in advanced stages of completion, it is generally realized that these efforts lacked cohesiveness and the requisite financial means. The adoption of the program of action backed by necessary financial support and administrative means should greatly enhance the economic role of the OIC and help achieve sustained and meaningful economic cooperation among its member states for the betterment and progress of the teeming millions who inhabit these countries. This undoubtedly would be one of the greatest achievements of the Taif Summit.

(To Be Continued)

NOVAK'S LOGIC

The blistering attack on the Arabs by the U.S. delegate Michael Novak at the U.N. Human Rights conference is not surprising. The delegate however surpassed any other American representative by comparing the Arabs with Hitler and Stalin and then proceeded to insult the whole conference as well just because the Arabs are clamoring for the liberation of their occupied lands and the freedom of their people suffering under the Zionist yoke.

The American government and media hail human rights and highlight their violations by the Soviet Union but they steer clear of gross invasions of human dignity and liberty in the occupied lands under Zionist domination. Seldom, if ever, has an American delegate, so much as mentioned the fact that Israel holds over 30,000 Arab political prisoners on charges of being or belonging to so-called "terrorist" organization, like the PLO, which is a genuine liberation movement seeking to throw off foreign colonialism. But American representatives are willing to talk endlessly about the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and to warn the Soviet Union against invading Poland. Not so about the Israeli occupation of Palestine, and parts of Jordan, Syria and Lebanon with the aid of American arms and money which, incidentally, have reached the world record of \$118 billion since 1948.

Still, the Arabs are "Fascists, Nazis and Stalinists" because they demand their freedom from Zionist occupation and humiliation according to Novak's thinking because they dared attack his protegee. If the U.S. government wants the rest of the world to respect it for its zeal to human rights and its respect for human dignity, it had better universalize its philosophy and pluck up enough courage to apply its principles everywhere, not just everywhere but Israel.

Letter to the editor

Sir,
Thousand cheers for Lech Walesa and Poland's Solidarity leaders. One day they will attain their goal by breaking the shackles of communism. Their revolt should be an eyeopener to other Warsaw Pact countries.

Now, Krenalin knows communism in Poland has suffered a jolt and its working hampered. We expect more developments soon.

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Saudi Arabian Press Review

Saudi papers this weekend led with news of the Gulf foreign ministers who met in Riyadh Wednesday under Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and set up an inter-Gulf cooperation organization. The ministers agreed on periodic summit and foreign ministerial meetings among Gulf states. The papers highlighted Defense Minister Prince Sultan's denial that Saudi Arabia was giving arms to Iraq.

They also dealt with the Zionist lobby meeting in New York for two hours with U.N. Secretary General Dr. Kurt Waldheim to protest the Mecca Declaration issued at the end of the Third Islamic Summit in Saudi Arabia.

British Opposition Leader Michael Foot's meeting with Arab ambassadors and expressions of sympathy for the Palestinian people's rights was front-paged. The papers focussed on Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shabhi's visit to Iran and on the preparatory meeting of the Non-Aligned Nations Conference in New Delhi. Special emphasis was laid on efforts to solve the Afghan crisis. The press also dealt with the American Administration's Mideast policies.

Editorials in *Al-Bilad*, *Al-Medina*, *Okaz*, *Al-Yom* and *Al-Nadwa* dealt with the Gulf ministers' meeting. *Al-Bilad* said that Gulf states were exerting intensive efforts to strengthen the Arab world and enable it to face all challenges. It added that even the superpowers were now aware of the role played by Gulf countries at the international level. It said that the agreement reached in Riyadh

was admirable and that the whole world was watching the Gulf states' unity performance.

Al-Medina said that the foreign ministers met in a climate transcending the traditional geographical boundaries and saw eye to eye on the various world problems. It said that now the reigns of the area rested in the hands of its nationals, and stressed that the area will enjoy real security and stability only when foreign powers will cease interfering and threatening it.

Okaz said that the new organization will enable Gulf states to play a more effective role in the international arena as a result of greater cooperation and coordination among themselves. It said the Gulf states were capable of defending themselves without outside interference no matter how great the challenges may be. It recalled the states' repeated announcements to the effect that they wished to stay away from big power conflicts and savor peace, security and welfare. It wished that all countries would respond to such a desire and engage in genuine cooperation and good relations with Gulf states.

Al-Yom said that the ministers discussed the occasional foreign threats to the area and gave a background of Gulf meetings. It enumerated the risk over the past two years, specially the Soviet military invasion of Afghanistan and the Iraqi-Iranian war which the big powers did not really try to stop. It called on Gulf states always to join hands in repelling all threats from both East or West. It said that this was the responsibility of the area's people

with help from their friends.

Al-Jazirah predicted violent clashes at the non-aligned conference in New Delhi, which might jeopardize the unity and future of that movement in an unprecedented manner. It criticized the communist members of the movement, specially Cuba, for influencing the movement's attitudes towards various problems as in the case of Afghanistan. It said that by using brute force in Afghanistan, the Soviet Union had crushed the very principle of non-alignment and played havoc with international law and the U.N. Charter. Kampuchea was another victim of that Soviet style, the paper pointed out. *Al-Jazirah* regretted such trends which tore apart the non-aligned movement and led to its dismemberment and will lead to its ultimate demise.

Al-Riyadh speculated on the Mideast solutions that might be on the mind of President Ronald Reagan. It said that such solutions will lead to a new configuration in the area. It pointed in particular to the new U.S. defense secretary's statements to the effect that his country was ready to study any proposal by the Israelis for the stationing of U.S. forces in occupied Palestine. Washington is beating the Soviets on the Arabs' bands, the paper said, to make up for America's defeat in other areas. The paper appealed to Europe to play a more positive role in preventing the international situation from deteriorating any further. But it said that the establishment of U.S. bases in Israel is no wonder, because America doesn't even need permission from Israel to do so.

By Rosalind Wade

Zebid--North Yemen's showpiece

ZEBID (North Yemen) — Zebid lies in the center of the Yemeni coastal plain (the Tihama) and is well-known throughout the Islamic world for its schools and has been a center of learning since the 9th century A.D.

In popular Western guidebooks, it is usually referred to as an old university town where algebra was discovered. But there is no record to prove this "Old university town" conjures up the idea of an Arabian Oxford, Cambridge or Heidelberg, and in a sense it was. These schools were attached to the numerous Mosques. Each Mosque would have (and many still have) its own library and several literary men impart their knowledge of jurisprudence, theology, geology, glossology, anatomy, mathematics, and other sciences to their students.

At its zenith in the 14th century, Zebid housed over 230 such schools. There are said to be 80 in the present day. The Greeks, some thousand years ago, had used algebraic formulae in geometry. Certainly the word is of Arabic derivation and comes from *al-Jabr* (which literally means the setting of bones; i.e. the making into one.) It is possible that algebra was developed in Zebid and its uses explored.

Today Zebid is a shadow of its former self, yet it is still one of North Yemen's showpieces and it would be a great pity not to visit it. The town is a sprawling mass of single and double storey burnt brick houses built round courtyards, hidden from the narrow winding streets by high burnt brick walls. These alleys prove to form a veritable maze and it is very easy to lose oneself. Fassolini's film *Arabian Nights* was filmed here and he made good use of the mystery of the blind alley to achieve a very evocative effect.

Life in these Zebidi houses is simple. The high walls provide ample shade and it is only necessary to go inside during the heat of the day.

The spaces are varied and irregular. The building complexes are divided into main reception areas and family areas. Each area has its own reception room decorated with intricate carved plasterwork with numerous alcoves and shelves which are richly adorned with brightly colored plates, vases, photographs and mirrors.

Many of the wooden ceilings are painted in brightly colored geometric designs; they are cruder examples of the painted ceiling in the Great Mosque. Unlike life in the mountain houses, here everyone sits on the high Tihama beds — which have a wooden frame and woven rope seats. In the principal reception room these beds line the wall and a tall table is placed in the center to act as a depository for books, water jars and tea glasses. The windows in these rooms are shuttered, to keep out the harsh noon day sun and then opened to let in the refreshing evening breezes.

In the evenings, everyone sits around the courtyard on beds and the social life continues there under a starlit sky. The facades of the houses that look onto these courtyards have highly decorated brickwork which is plastered over. There are geometric and floral designs. Seen from the streets it seems odd to have so much exterior decoration, but once inside the courtyard you see that it is an integral part of the living area. You also find a television perched on the steps. It is always on, but it does not kill conversation, if anything it adds to it.

Whereas in the mountains the day's qat chew starts immediately after lunch, in Zebid people sleep through the heat of the day and



Pictures (from left to right) are: Qat suq; the 12 century A.D. Century minbar in Asha'ir Kamaliyah Mosque; and (bottom right) basket and rope seller in suq sitting on traditional Tihana bed.

the daily ritual does begin until the late afternoon or after sunset. The women often commence after the evening meal. Then they will go down the maze-like alleyways to visit each other passing unseen behind their black veils, giggling and chattering to one another.

While the men discuss poetry and the past glories of Zebid, with its famous scholars and schools, the women discuss their children, their husbands and life's daily needs. Their common denominator is qat. Everyone sleeps in the open courtyards. Small children are hocked in their high beds with sticks and toy babies are put in a hammock of cloth and suspended from their mothers' beds.

The visitor can witness this traditional life in Zebid's only hotel, run by the 'Turk'. Khalid Fuad is of Turkish origin and is always referred to as the Turk. He is only too pleased to welcome foreign visitors to his traditional establishment. Ask anyone in the town for his house. They are more likely to ask you if you need a guide to it first.

As to Zebid's historical development, its origins are slightly obscure. The town or settlement must have been in existence in pre-Islamic times, because it is recorded to have adopted Islam in 10 A.H. (i.e. 631/2 A.D.) and its first Moslem governor was Khalid bin Sa'id al-Asi. It took no part in the Ridda wars (the first Islamic wars against the pagans in Arabia) and it was not until 204 A.H. (819 A.D.) that Zebid gained any importance. It became the seat of government for the Beni Ziyad family, who were sent to Yemen by the Abbasid Caliph Mamun. The first ruler was Mohammed ibn Ziyad. The Beni Ziyad evidently found great favor with Baghdad, for in 206 A.H. they were sent 1,000 horsemen on request and they conquered most of present day North Yemen.

The Beni Ziyad walled the town and constructed the four gate towers; it is supposed that those in existence today have been built on the same spot. They also made aqueducts to bring in water from the wadi and established irrigational works in the surrounding fields. Zebid is ideally placed between the rivers Zebid and Rima, which further upstream have a perennial flow. Its environs are intensively cultivated, producing at least two crops a year. The town itself is no longer reliant on the original supplies and relies on well water.

The Beni Ziyad ruled for just over 200 years and were finally ousted by an Ethiopian dynasty, the Beni Najah. In its declining years the Beni Ziyad were really governed by slaves for the surviving heirs were too young to govern. Hussein ibn Salamah was the most notable of these men and sometime after 371 A.H. (981 A.D.) was responsible for constructing a series of celebrated Mosques along the pilgrimage routes to Mecca, from Aden.

The Carmathians largely destroyed Zebid in about 379 A.D. (989 A.D.), when Ali ibn Fadl led a brief campaign against the town and occupied it for a short period. Ali ibn Fadl had been sent to Yemen by the Fatimid Imam, but had broken from the Fatimid sect and formed a communistic group whom the Zeidis later called Carmathians. They rampaged through Yemen for a few years and then disappeared into obscurity. Their main center was in Bahrain. Their most infamous act was to flood the Great Mosque in Sana'a and hold an orgy there.

The Beni Najah held until they were superseded by the Beni Mahdi in 554 A.H. (1158 A.D.), except for a couple of brief periods when they were subject to the rulers of the rest of Yemen, the Beni Sulayhi. They killed Ali al-Sulayhi at al-Mahjam in the northern Tihama in 460 A.H. (1067 A.D.) and captured his Queen, Asma, and held her captive in Zebid. The Sulayhi respect for the Beni Najah's abilities are evidenced by the fact that Queen Asma had to resort to artifice to encourage her son Mukarram to come to her rescue after a year's captivity. She secreted a message in a cake to him in Sana'a saying that she was expecting a child fathered by the squint-eyed prince Jayyash and that Mukarram had to rescue her before the child's birth and thus save her reputation. Mukarram answered her plea, coaxed the Beni Najah and found that his mother had invented her tragic story! Two years later the African dynasty were back in power. Little is known of the building activities of the Beni Najah, but it is said that in 518 A.H. (1124 A.D.) the walls rebuilt for the first time since the building activities of the Beni Ziyad.

By the time Salah ad-Din sent his brother Turanshah to Yemen in 569 A.H. (1173 A.D.) Zebid was weak and under the nominal government of the Beni Mahdi. Turanshah ruled from Zebid until he founded Taiz.

After the second Ayyubid invasion in 579 A.M. (1183 A.D.) under Salah ad-Din's brother Tughlakin Zebid was greatly enlarged. The Great Mosque is said to have been enlarged to its present size and the minaret added.

Zebid was at its zenith under the rule of the Ayyubid successors, the Beni Ghassul (13th — 15th centuries A.D.), when it was their winter capital. It was at this time that it was a major scholastic center with its 230 Islamic schools. They refurbished the Great Mosque and you will note much of the carved plasterwork in the main prayer hall is identical to that in the Ashrafiyah and Muzaffar Mosques in Taiz (although this could date to the Turkish occupation).

The Great Mosque has undergone frequent refurbishments since, with a pleasing, but electric result. The ceramic mosaic panel to the left of the mihrab (prayer niche) was only uncovered eighteen months ago and is unique to Yemen. Its date is unknown. The minbar

(pulpit) was replaced last year. It is a replica of its 18th century model and was worked by a local carpenter at the inspiration of a local historian, Abdul-Rahman al-Hadrami.

The area was held briefly by the Mamlukes 1515 to 1538. They came to protect the Red Sea from the threat of the Portuguese and established themselves on the coastal plain with the agreement of the Shassulid successors, the Beni Tahir. The Kamaliyah Mosque immediately to the south of the citadel is said to have been built by the Mamlukes at this time and is the only trace of Mameluke architecture in Yemen.

In 1538 the Ottoman Turks occupied Yemen and remained in control for a hundred years. They added more Mosques to Zebid, notably the Iskanderiyah inside the citadel and the Mustafa Pasha to the east of the present day Taiz-Hodeidah road. It is worth noting that the dome of the Iskanderiyah has similar painted decoration to that found in the Ashrafiyah in Taiz. Much of it has sadly been lost under layers of lime plas-

ter, but doubtless is preserved underneath it. The tall government house attached to the citadel is only 30 years old. The present walls are probably of a similar age in parts. One has the impression that the architectural style froze several centuries ago, until the advent of cement and concrete.

Zebid lost its commercial importance with the silting up of its port Ghulaficah in the 17th century and the establishment of Hodeidah with the Turkish road to Sana'a at the same time. Consequently it became a provincial backwater. Carsten Niebuhr in 1762 comments that it was in a bad state of decay when he passed through. You can still trace the outer walls which came almost to the main road and on the north-east side, just by the main road a lonely defensive tower is still standing. These must have been its outer limits during the time of the Beni Shassul and possibly up to the first Turkish occupation.

The area had evidently been a popular target for all rulers of Yemen over the centuries because of its valuable agricultural assets. Crops meant a source of revenue through taxation. Even in 1055 the Beni Sulayhi exacted one million dinars in a year from the area. The reason for the second Ayyubid invasion is said to have been largely due to their taxfarmers overtaxing the poor farmers to such an extent that they had refused to plant anything more.

The present Yemeni Government fully appreciates the area's potential and the Tihama Development Authority, based to the south of Zebid itself on the banks of the wadi, is actively investigating methods of more intensive farming. It has been helped by various international agencies. Cash crops such as cotton have been introduced. There is an established home textile industry on the Tihama, but the attractive handwoven cloths are expensive.

As you will appreciate, Zebid has had an exciting and involved history and many rulers. Today it is a cool, calm haven in the midst of the torrid heat of the Tihama. The people are gentle and relaxed. Its charming architecture is a delight. It is possible to visit many of the attractive Mosques, with their cool arched courtyards, as long as one is discreet. It is always advisable to find a local guide first. You will never have a problem finding a friendly soul in the suq.

Zebid lies about 1 1/2 hours' drive south of Hodeidah and 2 to 2 1/2 hours from Taiz. If you are reliant on local transport there are shared taxis and buses from both places. If you go from Sana'a you usually have to change vehicles in Hodeidah, although sometimes you can find a car going direct. If you are on a brief visit to Hodeidah it is always worth speeding the morning or afternoon in Zebid. It would be a crime to admire Yemen's amazing mountain architecture and not witness the contrasting Tihama architecture, which is perfected in Zebid.



The minaret of Great Mosque



The south gate



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Asian stability

Senator favors U.S. involvement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — U.S. Senator John Glenn has said that he does not expect the administration of President Ronald Reagan to change the primary objective of U.S. policy in Asia — "maintaining stability in the region" — and declared the 1980s "could well be America's Asian decade."

The Ohio Democrat said Thursday this was long overdue, pointing out that the field of trade "the Asia Pacific region has already become more important than Europe to the United States."

Glenn had been chairman of the senate foreign relations committee subcommittee

Mitterrand to visit China, North Korea

PEKING, Feb. 6 (AFP) — French Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterrand arrives here Monday, Feb. 9, for a one-week visit in China and North Korea. One of the main contenders for the French presidency at the coming elections, Mitterrand has been described in the latest edition of an official magazine here as a friend of the Chinese people.

His visit to Peking falls in line with approaches that started about a year ago by China toward non-Communist leftwing parties and movements of western Europe, observers said.

In recent months Chinese leaders have received Italian socialist leader Bettino Craxi, former British Labor party leader James Callaghan and Portuguese Socialist Party leader Martin Soares.

Reliable sources here said Mitterrand was visiting China as the guest of the Communist Party — unlike other west European socialist figures who came as guests of the government or government bodies.

on east and Pacific affairs, and now has become the ranking minority member of the following Republican control of the senate. California Senator Hayakawa now heads the subcommittee.

Glenn told reporters covering Asian affairs that the visit of South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan underscored the growing re-emergence of interest in Asia. "It also marked a new beginning in U.S.-Korean relations," he said adding that he was very pleased with the development because "I frankly was uncomfortable with the strained relations that existed during the past year."

He said the North Korean threat requires that the U.S. and South Korea "stand together to ensure peace and stability. Fortunately, we are both now on the same track. I am also confident that the economic measures taken by President Chun will be successful, and that the political reforms he has announced will prove beneficial to all Koreans."

Asked his views on Japan's security role in Asia, Glenn said he hoped Japan would share more of the defense burden, noting that Japan's defense outlay is still less than 1 per cent of its gross national product. He suggested that Japan could for example, build up its anti-submarine forces and its fighter defense forces. Glenn said he would not suggest any specific figures for Japanese defense expenditures but felt it had been kept "artificially low."

He argued that the United States had helped in the development of Japanese economic power and that Japan should now share some of the defense burden. Glenn said he opposed any linkage in the United States of Japan's defense spending to the issue of Japanese auto and steel imports. He said he felt that if some Japanese manufacturers had moved to curtail exports it might have pre-

vented any bill in congress to limit imports from Japan.

The U.S. army has no hope of matching the Soviet Union in numbers of tanks but is aiming at surpassing it in the quality of the armored force in the next decade, Congress was told Thursday. Testifying at hearing of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, the army's budget director, Maj. Gen. Elton Delaune, said the Soviet tank force is 2 1/2 times larger than that of the United States, and superior in quality weapons as well.

"I don't know that we would ever be able to achieve quantitative parity," Delaune said during questioning by Charles Bennett, a Florida Democrat. Rather, he said, the army aims to equal Soviet armor in quality by the mid-1980s and surpass it in the 1990s.

Maj. Gen. Patrick Roddy, the army's director of program analysis and evaluation, added: "Let me say the quantitative race is not a race any longer. They (the Soviet Union) have more capacity that we've got and they currently own more than we have. It is not an objective of the army to try to win a quantitative race."

"Why not?" Abraham Kazen, a Texas Democrat, interjected. "Don't believe it's affordable sir, nor is it required," Roddy replied. Soviet strategy "requires more tanks than we do," he added.

Army officials also have counted no superior anti-tank weapons to help close the numerical gap between the U.S. and Soviet armor forces.

When Bennett continued to press Delaune for the number of U.S. tanks that are needed, Delaune said the information is classified. The session was then closed to the public so the discussion could continue.



WHITE HOUSE VISIT: President Ronald Reagan (right) and South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan meet in the Oval Office of the White House Monday.

Election in May

New parliamentary system proposed in Philippines

MANILA, Feb. 6 (AFP) — Philippine ruling party members will push for presidential election this May in spite of opposition objections. The majority New Society Party (KBL) has adopted a resolution for a modified parliamentary form of government which calls for a strong elected president in spite of opposition criticism that the interim national assembly had "no right to amend the constitution."

Opposition spokesmen, former senator Gerardo Roxas, said Thursday the opposition would not participate in elections unless

a new constitutional convention was first held. Their participation under present conditions, Roxas said, would only grant a "mantle of legitimacy" to President Ferdinand Marcos's continued authoritarian rule. The ruling party also insisted that elections for a regular parliament be held in 1984 and not simultaneous with presidential elections as the opposition had proposed.

Late last year, the KBL appeared to have abandoned a proposal to elect a transitory president who would exercise the powers of both president and prime minister up to 1984 when a regular assembly is convened. Ruling party leaders had stopped talking about early presidential elections after public hearings which they held in various regions of the country reportedly rejected the idea. President Marcos had also said that he would not run without an opponent.

The new proposal now is for elections but this time for a regular president with a six-year term. Under the proposed system, the president will hold more powers, including the power to appoint the prime minister and the cabinet.

Marcos, president of the Philippines for the last 16 years, said he was ready to run in order to get "the judgment of the people" on his administration, particularly his eight-year martial law regime. A plebiscite will be held March 17 to ratify the KBL's proposed constitutional amendments.

Japanese opposition boycotts parliament

TOKYO, Feb. 6 (AP) — Opposition parties boycotted Diet (parliament) sessions Friday in the second major dispute this week over the government's defense policies. The opposition, led by the Japan Socialist Party, said it would not return to debates on the national budget until the ruling Liberal Democratic Party agreed to its demands for new legislation to control Japan's arms exports.

Opposition Diet members walked out of budget committee session Thursday afternoon after alleging that Japanese steelmakers were exporting weapon parts to South Korea in violation of government embargo's on arms exports.

Hotta Hagane, a specialty steel exporter based in Osaka, has allegedly been supplying parts for 92 and 135 mm shells an armor plate for tanks with steel ordered from Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and other steelmakers. The steel companies reportedly involved in the sales have denied any wrongdoing, but the case is now being investigated by the ministry of international trade and industry (MITI).

The Socialist Party, Japan's largest opposition force, has said it will introduce a bill in the current Diet session putting tighter controls on the government's "three-principle" embargo on arms exports. The embargo restricts shipments of weapons to the Communist bloc, any country to which arms exports are banned by the United Nations and any nation involved or likely to be involved in an armed conflict.

The government contends that the Socialist Party bill would be difficult and expensive to enforce and says it can handle violations by revising the present export trade control ordinance that bans the export of 16 kinds of weapons.

Diet budget deliberations were also suspended Monday and Tuesday when the opposition protested statements by Gen. Goro Takeda, chairman of the joint staff council, that the nation's defense budget was inadequate.

The opposition demanded that Takeda be fired for saying defense spending, now less than one per cent of the gross national product (GNP), should be raised to three per cent and for contending that the self-defense force might not be able to maintain its "exclusively defensive" posture as prescribed in the constitution if an enemy invaded Japan.

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troops evacuating Nkomo guerrillas

SALISBURY, Feb. 6 (AFP) — More than 100 military trucks have begun moving several thousands former guerrillas of minority Front (PF) Party leader Joshua Nkomo, from Salisbury's Chitungwiza black township, ending two days of confrontation with military authorities. The guerrillas had dug themselves in and used to abandon their temporary camp in township, but the tension that built up defused during talks between guerrilla leaders and members of the joint high command, including PF commander Dumiso Mutema.

barracks elsewhere in the country for routine training in the national army. Military trucks began moving out of the Chitungwiza camp late Thursday night and early Friday convoys were still travelling out along the road to the southern city of Bulawayo, Nkomo's political stronghold.

The guerrillas were in an angry mood Thursday and ordered reporters and photographers to leave the scene. One commander briefly detained a newspaper photographer and confiscated equipment, ordering six armed men "to shoot to kill if he moves".

Several PF supporters living near the camp evacuated their homes late Thursday saying they faced harassment from rival political parties with the PF guerrillas out of the area. About 3,000 PF guerrillas moved into Chitungwiza in October, together with about 7,000 former insurgents from the ZANLA (Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army) forces of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe. The military have made no mention of moving the ZANLA men from the township.

Moves to form the national army have been stepped up, with three battalions a month currently being turned out.

Collaboration with Viet Cong

J.S. court finds marine guilty

AMPLEJEUNE, North Carolina, Feb. 6 — U.S. marine corps private Robert Garwood has been found guilty by court martial of collaborating with the enemy while a prisoner of war in Vietnam. The 34-year-old Garwood, the only American POW to be prosecuted for desertion and collaboration during the Vietnam war, was convicted Thursday of striking a fellow prisoner during the 14 years he spent in enemy hands. Conviction in the collaboration charge carries a maximum penalty of imprisonment, although court sources said the jury of five officers was expected to impose a far less severe sentence.

Garwood, who has spent half his life in the marine corps, stood ramrod straight, his eyes blinking but fixed forward as the verdict was read. In post-trial hearings, private Garwood's civilian lawyers are expected to plead for leniency for the former jeep driver who was in the custody of the Viet Cong from Sept. 28, 1965 until March last year.

During the trial, military prosecutors charged that Garwood deserted his unit in Da Nang, joined forces with the Viet Cong, wore their uniform, turned their weapons on American POWs, tried to induce U.S. servicemen to desert and then chose to remain with the enemy after he had been offered freedom. His lawyers claimed that Garwood had collaborated only after he had been captured, shot, beaten, stoned, tortured and brainwashed by the Viet Cong.

Jarwood can receive up to six months on assault count, which the jury reduced to the more serious charge of maltreatment. The verdict in the 12-week trial is automatically subject to appeals to the commander of the camp Lejeune marine base and

British doctor charged with 'mercy killing'

DERBY, England, Feb. 6 (AP) — A doctor was charged Thursday with the "mercy killing" murder seven months ago of a five-day-old Mongol baby boy born severely deformed.

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Arthur was charged with murder on orders of the director of public prosecutions, Sir Thomas Hethcotington. The charge was brought after a group called 'Life' that is opposed to mercy killing and claims a membership of 15,000 contacted police.



AMBASSADOR REMOVED: The Reagan administration has removed Robert White as U.S. ambassador to El Salvador last week because he voiced policy disagreements with Washington through the press rather than through private channels.

Civilians die in Salvador gunbattles

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 6 (AP) — Government troops have fought running gunbattles with leftist guerrillas in three suburbs of this central American capital, killing 13 civilian bystanders, the army said.

It said the fighting erupted during the Thursday morning rush hour and that many Salvadoran workers heading to their jobs were caught in crossfire. There were no reports of army or guerrilla casualties.

Leftists firebombed a gasoline station in the fourth such attack in three days, and set fire to three buses. Late Wednesday, the army said it rebuffed a leftist attempt to sabotage a trainload of cotton headed for the Pacific port city of Cutuco.

Army officials said soldiers backed by jets drove the leftists away. An army sergeant was reported killed. The army said fighting continued in the northern province of Morazan, where leftists are battling for power, and that telephone lines to about 20 small towns have been severed in the area.

The guerrillas failed in an initial all-out offensive last month to topple the ruling junta led by President Jose Napoleon Duarte. But daily terrorist attacks on government installations continue and there are reports of heavy fighting in the mountains between leftist guerrilla forces and the army.

The government, meanwhile, announced plans to reopen the national university on March 6, nine months after it was closed because of government claims that it was a leftist hideout and base for subversive activities.

8 Ecuadoreans killed in conflict

LIMA, Feb. 6 (AP) — One Peruvian soldier and eight Ecuadoreans died in the five-day territorial conflict between the neighboring countries, according to official casualty reports.

The number of dead on the Ecuadorean side was revealed for the first time Thursday by Gen. Grinaldo Miho, inspector general of the army. He did not give the number of wounded. The Peruvian armed forces reported Wednesday that one Peruvian soldier was killed and four wounded.

The casualty figures were much lower than some unconfirmed press reports at the time of the fighting, which ended Sunday when Peru claimed it had ousted Ecuadorean troops from three jungle outposts some 800 miles north of Lima.

An international team of military observers from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States completed three days of inspection in the region Thursday. The four countries are co-signers and guarantors of the Rio de Janeiro treaty, which demarcates the border.

Their representatives held an emergency meeting in the Brazilian capital of Brasilia Sunday and succeeded in getting Ecuador and Peru to agree to a ceasefire.

Two toes transplanted on ruined hand in U.S.

OAKLAND, California, Feb. 6 (AP) — A 33-year-old U.S. navy chief electrician's mate who lost all the fingers of his right hand in an accident went home this week after two toes from his feet were successfully transplanted to his ruined hand, the navy reported.

While the mishap left Deane E. Rapp with a virtually useless stump where his fingers once were, he now has a big toe for a thumb, and a second toe for a little finger.

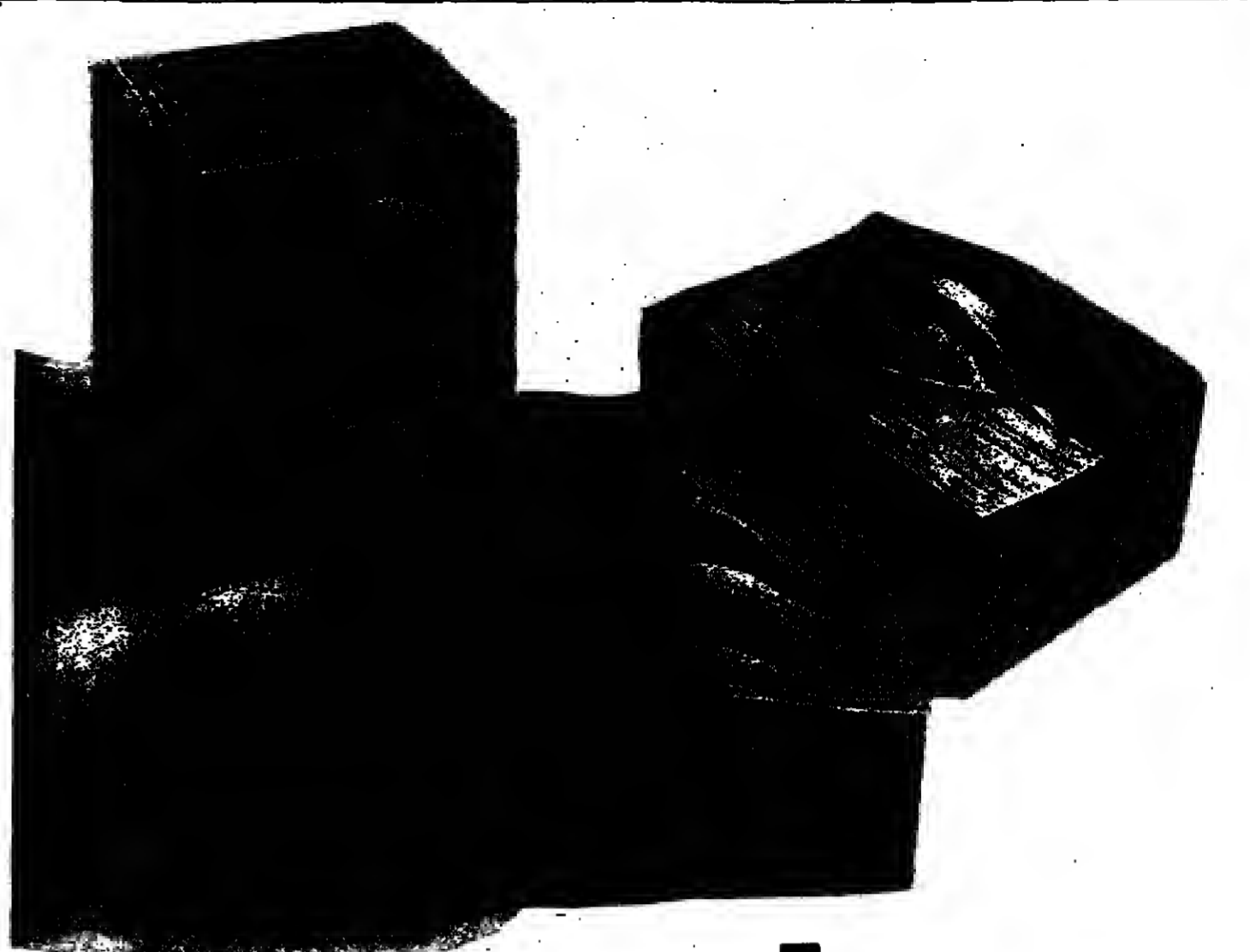
The digits are opposable, so he should eventually be able to grasp objects and climb the ladders reactor aboard the submarine U.S.S. Drum at the time of the accident.

"I'm getting along okay," said the 13-year navy veteran in a telephone interview from his home near San Diego. "I've got a couple of sore feet and I'm bobbling around, but...the hand, that's the beautiful part about it. Everything is healing well."

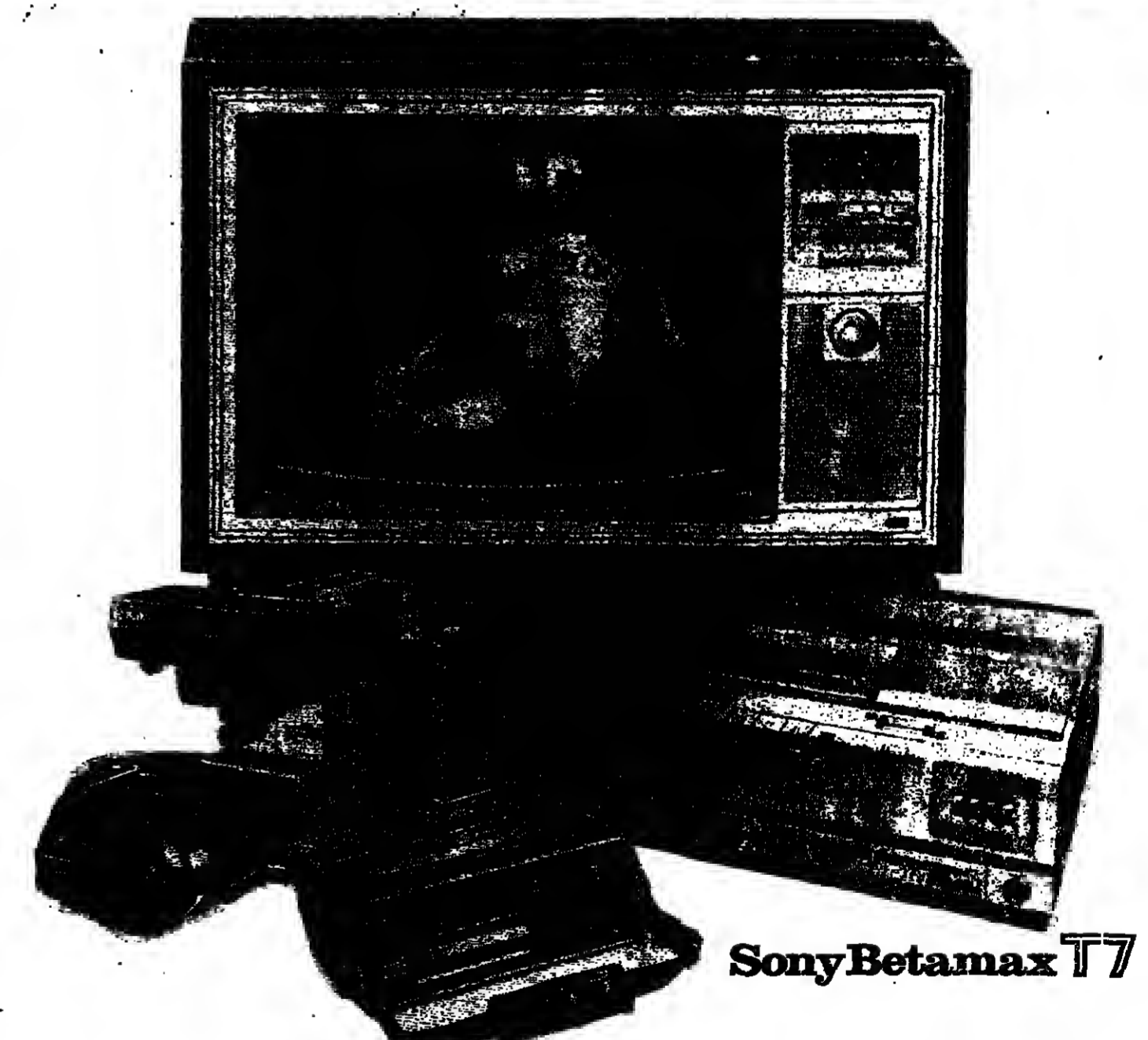
The navy said that as a result of his 15-hour operation at the Oakland Naval Medical Center, Rapp now enjoys the prospect of being eventually returned to duty aboard a nuclear submarine.

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UAE seeking oil price freeze

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recession the West is going through... It may be better to freeze prices until the recession ends.

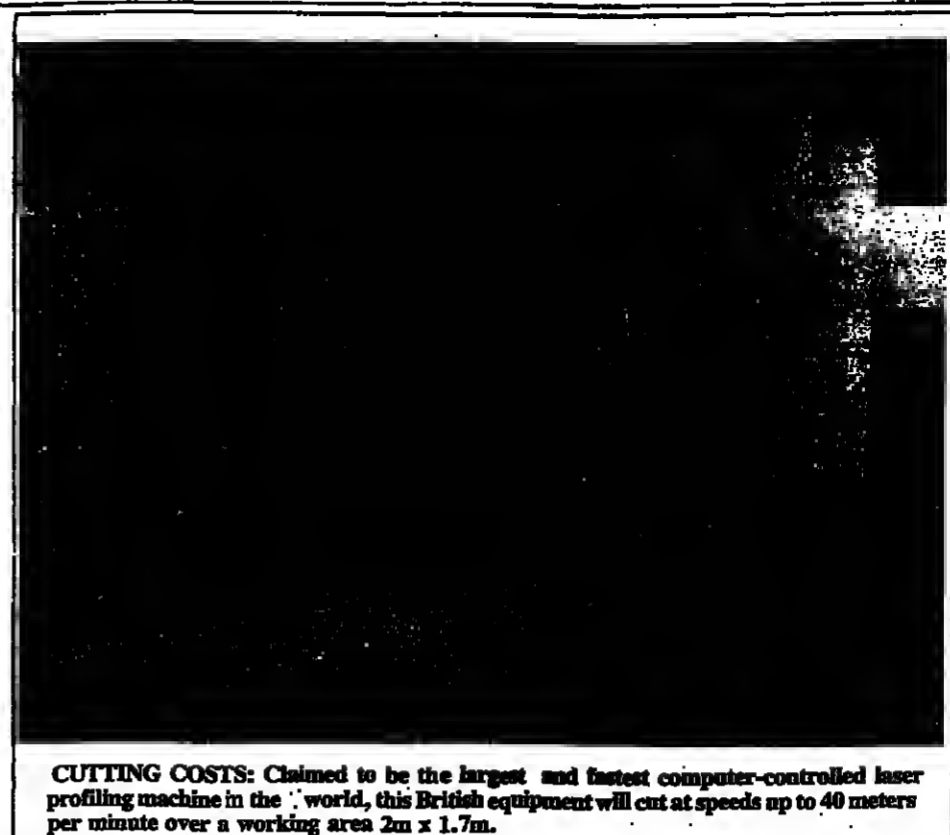
U.S. in worst economic mess since depression -- Reagan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan has declared that the United States is suffering from its "worst economic mess since the great depression..."

did not say when the tax cut would first take effect, under his plan. As expected, Reagan said he also will submit to Congress a proposal for accelerated appreciation allowances to give a tax break to businesses that invest in new plants and equipment.

pricing policy. Oteiba said that the UAE did not believe in charging premiums on high-quality grades, as had been the case with some African and Arab producers.

EEC to take 3 members to court BRUSSELS, Feb. 6 (R) — The European Common Market was involved in a legal dispute over its budget because West Germany, France and Belgium refuse to pay extra contributions voted by the European parliament.



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Car industry plight prompts West to curb Japan imports

BRUSSELS, Feb. 6 (R) — Dismayed by the worsening plight of their car industries and fierce Japanese competition, several Western governments seem to be moving toward trade curbs against Japanese cars.

5,970,000 in the year. Its sales to the U.S. rose 16.9 per cent to 2,400,000, while those to the EC went up 20.8 per cent to 856,000.

U.K. Tories switch back to denationalization

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP) — The Conservative government's long-awaited program of denationalizing sectors of British industry goes under way with 50 per cent stock in British Aerospace going on sale to the public.

Net tangible assets of the corporation on June 14, 1980, adjusted to include the proceeds of the present stock sale, amounted to £592 million and outstanding debt on Jan. 1, 1981, was £32.6 million.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Table with columns: Authority, Description, No. of Tender, Price SR, Closing Date. Lists various tenders for street lights, education, water supply, etc.

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Two share lead in Andy Golf

SAN DIEGO, California, Feb. 6 (AP) — Tom Jenkins birdied his last four holes for a 7-under-par 65, then rushed off to get a club repaired before he knew he'd taken a share of the first-round lead along with Ron Streck Thursday in the \$250,000 Andy Williams-San Diego Open Golf Tournament.

"I broke a club out there and I've got to get it fixed," Jenkins said immediately after finishing play on the 6,667-yard north course at the Torrey Pines Golf Club.

About an hour later, Streck came in with a matching total for a tie for the top. A single stroke back at 66 were Keith Fergus, Bill Britton and Wayne Levi.

Johnny Miller, who won the Tucson Open earlier this year, rookie Gary Hallberg and Cesar Sanudo followed at 67.

Bruce Lietzke, winner of the Bob Hope Classic three weeks ago, topped the group at 68 and extended his string of consecutive rounds under par to 12. All the leaders

played the north course, by far the easier of the two layouts used for the first two rounds of this event.

Tom Watson, the defending champion and outstanding player in golf for the past four seasons, shot a 71 in the weather that was sunny but cool and windy. He played the tougher south course.

About half the field was still playing when Jenkins, a journeyman pro who has won once in a decade of PGA tour activity, completed his round and hurried from the course with no way of knowing he would be the eventual leader.

He one-putted nine times in his pacesetter effort, holed a 40-footer (12 meters) for an eagle on the ninth, but made his big move with the four-birdie finish.

Jenkins dropped long putts of about 20 and 30 feet (6-9 m) for the 15th and 16th, hit an iron only five feet (1 meter) from the wind-whipped flag on the 17th, then reached the

par-5 18th in two and two-putted for a fourth consecutive birdie.

In north Miami, Sandra Post fired a 3-under-par 69 to take a one-stroke lead over five golfers after the first round of the Ladies' Professional Golf Association's \$125,000 Tournament.

Post bogeyed the first hole, shot three birdies on the front nine, then broke out of a six-way tie with an eight-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole.

Tied at 70 were Pat Bradley, Carolyn Hill, Joanne Carner, Mindy Moore and Amelia Rorer. The latter two players are seeking their first tour victory. Rorer's major distinction thus far is that she is, at a 4 feet, 11 inches, the shortest player on the tour, and Moore is playing in only her second pro tournament.

Post, 32, was 10th on the LPGA money list last year. She has won seven tournaments in her career.

Dutch class shows in English soccer

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP) — The influx of foreign stars into English soccer is having a positive effect at last. Two Dutchmen are powering Ipswich town towards the English League Championship.

Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, both Dutch internationals, control the midfield for Ipswich, the outstanding team in the English League at the moment. They are given much of the credit for the brilliant form that is taking Ipswich to win after win.

Foreign players are now in their third season in English soccer. Others besides Muhren and Thijssen have made an impact, but they are the first to have a real effect on the balance of power among clubs.

Ipswich is going for the English League, the English Cup and the UEFA Cup. Muhren and Thijssen have changed Ipswich from a good team to an all-conquering one. If Ipswich keeps up its present form it could win all three trophies.

Only first-class players from overseas get into English soccer. The League limited them to First and Second Division teams only, so that teams in the lower divisions would not be

flooded by second class immigrants.

Eleven of the 22 English First Division clubs now have overseas players on their books. Not all of these players can get a regular place in the lineup.

The first overseas star to become a favorite with the fans was Osvaldo Ardiles, a star of Argentina's 1978 world Cup triumph. He is an outstanding member of the Tottenham Hotspur side.

Tottenham, one of the great teams of the early sixties, had a bad spell and actually dropped to the Second Division for one season. But since Ardiles joined spurs the team has climbed to the top half of the standings.

Spurs' other Argentinian, Ricardo Villa, has also had his successes, but has had to fight for a place in the team.

One other player from Argentina, Alex Sabella, has played for both Sheffield United and Leeds in the last two years. He was quietly settled down in English soccer without becoming a headline name, like Muhren and Thijssen.

Imported players from Europe have had mixed success. Some take a long time to get

accustomed to the pace and style of English soccer.

Nottingham Forest, European champions for the last two years, brought in Raimondo Ponte from Switzerland to midfield department. He was slow to settle but has played some fine games recently.

Two Yugoslavs have made a success of British soccer — defender Ivan Golac, who plays alongside Kevin Keegan of Southampton, and Bozjan Janjovic, who has been doing well for Middlesbrough.

On the other hand, Kazimierz Deyna, who came with a big reputation after starring for Poland in the 1978 World Cup, failed to keep his place in the Manchester City lineup.

Avi Cohen, an Israeli international, has filled in successfully in Liverpool's defense when regular players have been injured, but his appearances have been spasmodic.

The vogue for signing foreign stars, unheard of in England until three years ago, may not be over. Recently Arsenal and Chelsea have been reported interested in Johann Cruyff, Holland's ex-World Cup superstar.

LONDON, (AFP) — Geoff Dyson, one of the most important figures in British athletics in the years after the war, died suddenly at his home in Eastleigh (Hampshire), Thursday.

Dyson, who was awarded the order of the British Empire in the honors list last June, was British national coach from 1947 to 1961.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, (AP) — The president of the Formula One Constructors Association (FOCA), Bernie Ecclestone, has reaffirmed that the Formula-One Grand Prix Auto Race scheduled for Saturday in South Africa would be considered the opening race of the 1981 season and would count point toward the world Formula-One Drivers

Championship.

JOHANNESBURG, (AFP) — Brazilian ace Nelson Piquet, driving a Brabham, posted fastest time in the first training session for Saturday's South African Grand Prix. Nineteen cars, representing constructors currently at war with motor sport's international ruling body, will take their marks on the starting grid of the Kayalami circuit just outside Johannesburg.

DUBLIN, (AP) — The first active union opposition to the Irish rugby team's proposed tour of South Africa in May came from work-

ers of Dublin airport Wednesday. Ticket clerks, security staff and cleaners were told by their union to "black" or refuse to serve, members of the rugby party. The move could make it impossible for the national team to fly from Dublin to London on the first leg of its trip to South Africa.

TOULOUSE, (AFP) — Roland Bertranne three-quarters center in the French Rugby Union side will break the record number of caps for a French international when his team meets Ireland in Dublin on Saturday. Ten years after his first, Bertranne will get his 64th cap breaking the record of Benoit Dauga.

BRIEFS



IN SAFE HANDS: Ahli goalkeeper Ghazi Sadaga leaps in the air to pinch the ball before an Ittihad attacker can get to it as defender's Samadon, Jandouhi and Jawhar look on.

Ahli gets past Ittihad

By Munir Muhammad Ali
JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — Away from the top berths of the National Football League, the two Jeddah giants battled to a fast and at times tense match, before Ahli prevailed 2-1 forcing Ittihad to slide further down the ladder.

Amin Dabu, Ahli's forward, Tunisian Jandouhi in defense, Brazilian Zenon and Ahmad Sagir were the stars of the match.

From the start, Ahli depended on Dabu, who kept changing places. Ahli's defense, particularly, Wahid Jawhar, was robust. Ittihad's Abdullah Ghurab and Jawhar were often seen going for each other until Referee Muhammad Al-Marzouk showed the yellow cards to both.

In the 21st minute, Ghurab tripped Tariq Kayyal inside the 18-meter line. Ahmad Sagir oozed the penalty sending Ittihad goalie, Ahmad Shihri, in the wrong direction. Ittihad stepped up the pace to achieve an equalizer. Tamim changed places and combining well with Bukuer put Ahli's defense off-balance.

With organized assaults, Ittihad made several dangerous attempts. Bukuer missed a good scoring opportunity in the 30th minute. Tamim, too, led an attack on the right wing but delayed in crossing the ball that rolled out. Ittihad kept up the pressure but to no avail and the first half ended 1-0.

After the first quarter of an hour, the two Footballer jailed

METZ, France, Feb. 6 (AFP) — A footballer whose attack on a referee will leave him semi-crippled for life was jailed for eight months by a tribunal Thursday. He was also banned from playing for five years and ordered to pay his victim £4,000 in compensation.

Erie Chaumont set on referee Francois Gillet after he issued a warning to his brother during a match between Delme and Marbach in the Lorraine Championship in October 1979.

Chaumont who was playing for Marbach the visiting side butted the referee and then kicked him several times in the back.

Borg drops set to Fibak

TORONTO, Canada, Feb. 6 (AP) — American Vitas Gerulaitis joined his countrymen John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors with top-seeded Bjorn Borg of Sweden in the semifinals of the \$500,000 Molson Tennis Challenge Tournament Thursday night.

Gerulaitis took an uninspiring 6-1, 6-2 victory over Ilie Nastase in a match that the Romanian veteran appeared to try to pacify about 4,800 spectators at Maple Leaf Gardens for the exhibition he put on Wednesday night when he was disqualified in match against McEnroe.

Nastase followed all the ethics of good tennis, but so infuriated Gerulaitis that the New York native refused to meet with reporters after the match, telling tournament organizers that he was "too embarrassed."

Gerulaitis and McEnroe lead one of the two four-man divisions with 2-0 won-lost records, while Borg and Connors, who meet in the windup of the round-robin competition, lead the other section with two wins each, also.

Earlier Thursday, Borg, 24, took a 2½-hour marathon match from Wojtek Fibak of Poland, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3, while Connors topped fellow American Sandy Mayer, 6-4, 6-2 and McEnroe beat South African Johan Kriek, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

In Richmond, Raul Ramirez of Mexico upset sixth-seeded John Sadri 6-4, 7-6 (9-7) in second-round singles competition at the United Virginia Bank Tennis Classic.

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Cover Story King Faisal Foundation seems to have developed the philanthropic activities in the Kingdom as John Rossant found out, page 18. The foundation's interests vary from hotel business to medical researches and awards in various fields, thus making it a real philanthropic organization of international standard.

WHY 8.5 M BARRELS: Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the Oil Minister delivered speech last week at the University of Petroleum and Minerals. Scott Pendleton covered the lecture on page 9.

EGYPT'S ECONOMIC CONTROVERSY Controversy revolved around the role and future of the public sector in the economy. Our Cairo Bureau reports on page 28.

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Lakers rout Pacers

Erving leads 76ers to narrow victory

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP) — The Boston Celtics may be about ready to sue Julius "Dr. Erving" for malpractice.

Elsewhere, the Phoenix Suns drubbed the Utah Jazz 114-89, the Los Angeles Lakers owned the Indiana Pacers 102-96, the Kansas City Kings nipped the Detroit Pistons 119-90, the Houston Rockets swamped the

West Germany takes 2-1 lead

LONDON, Feb. 6 (R) — West Germany came from behind to beat the Soviet Union 1-0 in the first-leg of the final of the King's Tennis Cup, the European Men's Indoor Team Championship.

The West Germans, who clinched a place in the final by winning all of their first division group matches, looked as if they might come out with Ulrich Pinner was beaten 7-6, 6-3 by Alexander Zverev in the opening

But Rolf Gehring leveled the match with a 6-7, 5 win over Vadim Borisov. The deciding doubles between Pinner and Gehring and Borisov and Konstantin Pugayev lasted almost two and a half hours, the Germans taking advantage of numerous errors by Borisov to squeeze home 7-5, 6-7, 7-6.

Dallas Mavericks 116-68, the San Antonio Spurs edged the Denver Nuggets 135-132, the Seattle SuperSonics beat the Washington Bullets 108-99, the Golden State Warriors whipped the Portland Trail Blazers 115-100, the Chicago Bulls trounced the Cleveland Cavaliers 109-96 and the San Diego Clippers topped the New Jersey Nets 110-102.

Suns 114, Jazz 89: Len "Truck" Robinson and Walter Davis combined for 21 points as the Suns raced to a 15-point first-quarter lead and coasted. Robinson eight of the Suns' final 10 points and Phoenix shot a sizzling 63 per cent to open a 35-20 lead.

Lakers 102, Pacers 96: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored eight of his game-high 29 points in the final three minutes and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead Los Angeles to its sixth victory in a row.

Spurs 135, Nuggets 132: George Gervin hit a jumper and two free throws in the last 25 seconds as San Antonio rallied to snap a six-game road losing streak. The Nuggets led 112-103 after three periods but Gervin rallied San Antonio in the last seven minutes.

SuperSonics 108, Bullets 99: James Bailey hit six straight shots in the first half as Seattle built a 19-point lead and held on to snap a six-game losing streak.

Warriors 115, Trail Blazers 100: Linyd Free scored 28 points and rookie Larry Smith grabbed 25 rebounds for Golden State. The Warriors led by 18 points at halftime and moved ahead by 23 early in the third period.

Bulls 109, Cavaliers 96: Ricky Sobers scored 18 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter as Chicago extended its winning streak to seven games.

Clippers 110, Nets 102: Phil Smith scored eight of San Diego's last 13 points to offset a 43-point performance by New Jersey's Mike Newlin.

Harold Smith still missing

Eddie Mustafa, Saad bout postponed

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP) — The scheduled light heavyweight fight between Eddie Mustafa Muhammad and Matthew Saad Muhammad is off and promoters for the heavyweight battle between Ken Norton and Jerry Cooney are looking elsewhere, according to ABC radio.

ABC, in an interview with Sam Glass, head of Tiffany Promotions, a co-promoter of the Muhammad-Muhammad fight, said Wednesday night that Glass had called off the bout in view of the recent scandal.

An ABC spokesman said that Dennis Rappaport, manager for heavyweight contender Jerry Cooney, told him that "if things are not resolved by Thursday afternoon, he's going elsewhere."

Jack Cohen, Ken Norton's agent, told ABC as well that he is becoming very concerned and if the matter is not resolved, he



RECORD BURST: Stanley Floyd (right) bursts the tape for a world record of 6.04 second in the 60-yard dash, ahead of Nelwin Lattancy, in the Dallas Times Herald Invitational Indoor Track meet, Saturday.

Croft helps Windies clinch thrilling win

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, Feb. 6 (AP) — The West Indies clinched a thrilling two runs victory over England in their first One-Day Limited Overs Cricket International here Wednesday, saved after a batting failure by the magnificent fast bowling of Colin Croft.

After the West Indian batsmen had stuttered to a paltry total of 127 all out in 47.2

overs, Croft set England back with three early wickets for two runs in his first five overs. When they recovered, Croft returned for his second spell after tea to take three more wickets, including that of England captain who scored a defiant 60.

That virtually settled the outcome but it was left to Croft's fast bowling partner Michael Holding to bowl the two last men with England two short of their target with 10 balls of their innings still available, all out for 125.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes names like O.L. Haynes, S.F.A. Baichus, E.H. Matthews, A.L. Kallacharan, C.H. Lloyd, H.A. Gomes, D.A. Murray, A.M.E. Roberts, J. Garner, M.A. Holding, C.E. Croft, Extras, Total, and Bowling figures.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-48, 3-51, 4-58, 5-89, 6-90, 7-102, 8-110, 9-120. BOWLING: Old 5-4-4-1; Boham 4-3-32-1; Stevenson 9.2-2-15-2; Embury 10-4-20-1; Willey 10-1-29-1; Good 6-1-12-2.

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Top stars for Millrose meet

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP) — The Wanamaker mile, one of the most prestigious events on the indoor track and field circuit, has record-breaking potential for Friday night's Millrose Games at New York's Madison Square Garden, with a field including Eamonn Coghlan, Filbert Bayi, John Walker and Steve Scott.

jeopardy, as meet director Howard Schnertz has assembled an outstanding entry field, with sprinter Stanley Floyd, hurdler Renaldo Nehemiah, 5,000-meter runners Alberto Salazar and Craig Virgin, middle-distance runner Don Paige, and women's Olympic champions — high jumper Sata Simboni, sprinter Lyudmila Kondratyeva and hurdler Vera Kuznetsova.

Advertisement for Saudi Steel Guardrail Establishment. Features a large 'THANKS' headline, a logo with Arabic text, and contact information for Jeddah, Rowais, Dar Al-Salam Bldg., P.O. Box 6621. Includes a small illustration of a guardrail.

Advertisement for INTERDEC DECOR. Features a large 'R' logo and text: 'Have moved their offices to Assad Salama Bldg., behind Fakih Hospital, East of American Embassy. And have the pleasure to offer the following items, in collaboration with ELCIR - LEBANON'. Lists various window treatments and provides contact numbers for Jeddah and Riyadh.

Meanwhile, as FBI agents continued to pore over files from Muhammad Ali Professional Sports, the whereabouts Thursday of two officers of the firm remained a mystery. One of them is Harold Smith, who surfaced via telephone Tuesday to make bizarre claims on a radio talk show that he and his family were chased through an undisclosed wooded area near Canada under gunfire, all because he "learned too much" about money siphoning at Wells Fargo Bank, which filed the suit Monday.

The second missing man is Ben Lewis, and until Jan. 23 an operations officer at the Wells Fargo Branch in Beverly Hills, a "jack of all trades" job that draws an average salary of \$19,200 a year and does not require a college degree but carries tremendous responsibilities.

Large advertisement for the University of Petroleum & Minerals. Features a logo with Arabic text and the word 'ANNOUNCEMENT'. Text: 'The University of Petroleum & Minerals intends to invite bids shortly for the last parts of Phase IV of the Campus Development Program. These parts will consist of the following: 1) Phase II of Student Housing... 2) Central Kitchen... 3) University Press...'. Includes contact information for the Secretary General in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

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- ♠KQ87532 ♥10 ○J4 ♦954

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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- Before master spew
- West point
- Nasty person
- Asian weight
- Placid
- Face shape
- Concept
- Sea cow
- Unblinded
- Camera part
- Contestant in the Olympics (abbr.)
- Dovish den
- Salt tree
- Treat for Fido
- Lake in Ireland
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- Distress call
- Burn
- Use a shuttle
- "Handy" fortune teller
- Of Eve's mate
- Roman road
- Inhabit
- Withered
- Vestibule
- Sharon - DOWN
- Power source

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- Volcanic
- Nasty
- By oneself
- Goddess of grain
- "You - My Lucky Star"
- Wingless
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Confusing elements affect the a.m. The p.m. is your best time to act. Confidential talks with friends bring good results.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Try a different avenue of approach with a difficult friend. The late p.m. may bring an important confidence about a career matter.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Sidestep dubious schemes and unrealistic thinking. Work is the safest way to success now. Seek the advice of another in the p.m.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Don't be absent-minded on the job. The p.m. favors talks about investments and joint affairs. Tap your creative potential.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Partners have useful ideas regarding home improvements. Don't make any decisions about joint assets without first consulting them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Relationships seem under a cloud. It's time for a good talk. Doing something new together will improve communication between you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
You're easily sidetracked or could become bored with routine. Investigate an unusual financial opportunity. The p.m. accents hobbies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
You're inclined to waste time in the a.m. Later, an unexpected meeting is fun. The p.m. is the best time to further romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
You may not be seeing a family situation clearly, but the p.m. may bring a sudden insight. Also, save time for creative pursuits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Watch unrealistic thinking. A friend will give you helpful insights. Keep in touch with family. The p.m. brings clearer thought.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
New career opportunities have good financial potential, but you still need to watch spending. Not a time to loan money to friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Advisers will prove helpful. Watch a.m. judgment regarding career matters. The p.m. favors hobbies and personal projects.

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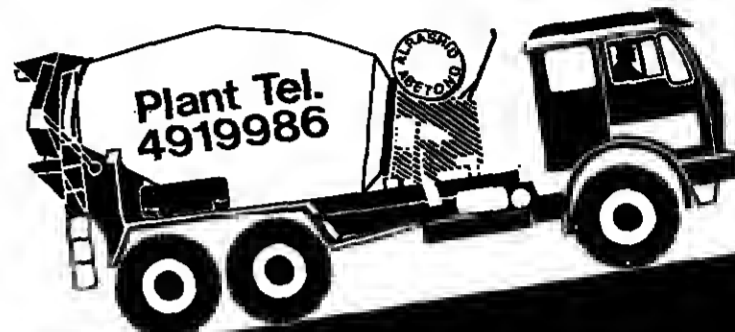
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Split seen in nonaligned camp

Singapore leads attack on Moscow

NEW DELHI, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Strains within the nonaligned movement emerged publicly Friday as opposing sides clashed over the issues of Afghanistan and Kampuchea. In preparatory talks for a foreign ministers' conference next week, Pakistan and Singapore demanded a tough line on both issues in contrast to Indian efforts to smooth over differences within the 95-member grouping.

Vietnam accused Singapore of acting at the behest of the United States and China, and Afghanistan rejected a Pakistani move to demand an end to Soviet military intervention there.

Officials of the 3-year-old nonaligned movement, which includes Communist and pro-Communist countries, have been working in New Delhi for the past three days on a draft declaration for the ministerial conference which opens Monday. United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim will attend the conference.

Singapore delegates told the meeting that

their country was gravely disturbed over the situation in Kampuchea, where Vietnam has an estimated 200,000 troops. Kampuchea will not be represented at the conference because nonaligned countries cannot agree on which of the two rival governments should be invited.

Singapore ambassador Tommy Koh said the ousted Khmer Rouge regime had been deprived of its rightful place in the nonaligned movement by "the unilateral, arbitrary and illegal action of Cuba," host to the sixth nonaligned summit and current chairman of the organization. The Havana summit in 1979 decided to keep the Kampuchean seat vacant.

Conference sources said the Vietnamese-backed Heng Samrin government's first ambassador to India, Didi Muntz, presented his credentials Friday.

Pakistan, confident of the backing of a majority of member countries, said the nonaligned movement needed to express serious concern over continuing foreign armed intervention in Afghanistan. Opposing the Pakistani move, Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost, who arrived Friday from Kabul, said the Soviet military withdrawal was not a simple matter.

Deputy leader of the Singapore delegation S.R. Nathan said the Soviet Union was stubbornly refusing to take notice of their views. Nathan also told officials preparing the next week's meeting that the conference would fail if it did not demand a Vietnamese troop withdrawal from Kampuchea.

dent of superpowers and be courageous in naming those superpowers that pose a threat to world peace," he said. Nathan said many nonaligned nations had called in the U.N. General Assembly for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

"This overwhelming concern by a large number of nonaligned states must be fully reflected in our draft declaration," Nathan said. He added the draft was not acceptable to Singapore because it did not "condemn the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and its failure to withdraw its forces."

Meanwhile, Yugoslavia will seek reconfirmation of nonalignment principles and work to avoid a pro-Soviet tilt at the conference, officials said in Belgrade Friday. The officials spoke as Yugoslav Foreign Minister Josip Vrhovec left to attend the meeting of the 95-member organization which his country helped found. Communist but nonaligned Yugoslavia will insist that the movement stay away from military blocs, they said.

It will also lead the opposition to what is regarded in Belgrade as attempts by Cuba, and about a dozen other pro-Soviet members to split the movement into so-called radical and conservative groups and tilt it towards Moscow, they added.

New accord ends strike in Poland

WARSAW, Feb. 6 (AFP) — Poland once again drew back from the brink Friday with a dawn settlement of the 10-day-old strike in Bielsko Biala over workers' demands for the dismissal of 50 local officials. The local governor, his three deputies, the mayor of Bielsko Biala and his deputy are to be dismissed, and lower ranking officials are to be sanctioned under the agreement, signed by Solidarity trade union federation leader Lech Walesa and Local Government Minister Jozef Kupa.

The two sides also agreed that a Feb. 2 decree that strikers would not be paid would not apply and the strikers will receive their normal pay during the time they did not work. Friday's agreement came after an all-night negotiating session which was attended, for the first time, by a leading church figure, Bishop Bronislaw Dabrowski, president of the Polish Bishops Conference. He will act as guarantor to the deal in the name of the Polish primate, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński.

The Bielsko Biala crisis had once again raised the temperature of the Polish situation. The strikers wanted the 30 officials removed because of allegations of corruption. Although the provincial governor and his two deputies had already offered to quit, the government was reported to have refused to accept their resignations.

Kampuchea and Afghanistan are proving to be the most difficult topics facing officials preparing for the conference, and Nathan said that a draft declaration circulated by India condemned the United States while ignoring "acts of aggression" committed by the Soviet Union. The draft mentioned the U.S. base on Diego Garcia as part of a big power buildup in the Indian Ocean, but failed to refer to "the continuing and expanding Soviet presence in the area," Nathan said.

"We must attempt to ensure that our movement must remain completely independent

Security, human rights

U.S. delegate doubts success of Madrid talks

MADRID, Feb. 6 (AP) — The chief U.S. delegate to the European Security conference said Friday the Reagan administration expects no tangible results from the 35-nation meeting, but the United States wants the process reviewing the Helsinki agreements on human rights and detente to continue.

Ambassador Max Kampelman said he still



AT THE FRONT: Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr crosses the Karkeh River in a small boat last weekend. Bani-Sadr was visiting Iranian troops on the southwestern war front with Iraq. The Iranian president is also embroiled with opponents in the Iranian clergy.

Dozens hurt as leftists clash with Iran guards

TEHRAN, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Several dozen leftwing demonstrators were wounded here Friday in street clashes with Islamic security forces who used teargas and fired shots in the air to break up a banned gathering. Witnesses said that several thousand people, mainly members of the Marxist-Leninist People's Fedayeen Movement, set out on a march to commemorate the tenth anniversary of their fight against the Shah.

However, the marchers also carried banners complaining of unemployment or denouncing Iran's agreement with the United States on the hostages' release. The movement has been banned from public demonstrations. Leaders called off a rally to demand the reopening of Tehran University on Jan. 13 after authorities massed security forces along the route.

Reliable witnesses said that Friday's violence broke out after security forces, backed up by Hezbollah religious extremists, attempted to break up the procession. While the guards shot into the air and fired teargas, the religious extremists set on demonstrators with stones and cudgels.

As the demonstration broke up, security forces arrested large numbers of people. Witnesses said these were mainly young women, who show their leftist opinions by wearing a blue headscarf. Some demonstrators took refuge in nearby buildings, as a stream of ambulances rushed backward and forward with the injured, reports said.

Meanwhile, Iran and Iraq traded grenade attacks, heavy artillery barrages and air raids at the two major theaters of the Gulf war Thursday. But neither side claimed any tide turning gains to break the standoff.

Iranian communists claimed more than 130 were killed in a counterattack that threw the Iraqis nine kms back in the western hills that command a 193 kms highway to Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

Other reports from the western front, carried by Iran's official news agency Pars, claimed an additional 160 in hit-and-run raids in Ilam and Dehloran in the last two days.

Iran announced its supreme religious council will meet within the next two days to decide whether to receive a goodwill mission from seven Islamic nations and the Palestine Liberation Organization that hopes to mediate an end to the war.

Good Morning

By Rashed Khanan

With the recession continuing in the United States one branch of industry at least is witnessing an unprecedented boom. Not the gravely ailing car industry of course, which last year suffered a cut-back production of around 30 per cent, and not — even the ever blooming oil industry. The industry I have in mind is that of preparing the folk for the end of the world, the conflagration to come, by selling them means of survival. (Why anyone would want to survive under such circumstances is a question rarely asked — especially by purveyors of such equipment.)

The preoccupation with Armageddon comes from two sources. The first is rational people like you and me (only more so) who don't know what the warlike noises coming from Washington do to the Russians but by God it scares them. These scan the papers daily, get more and more depressed about it, and then break down suddenly and call the friendly local nuclear shelters dealer. The sums charged are heavy, but they include everything from guns repel marauders (that's us who weren't depressed enough to buy nuclear shelters), to plant seeds to start your new farm in the brave new world when the smoke clears.

The second and more colorful source is those strange religious sects which roam from across the States, as well as individuals of such deeply mysterious insights that they know, simply know, that come 3 p.m. Tuscaloosa time on Feb. the third next year the whole bag of tricks will go up in smoke. Therefore provide yourself and family with plenty of asbestos underwear, clear the cellar and wait for the appointed day.

Of these is one Leland Jansen, a "practicing chiropractor" (which sounds quite arcane), who studied deeply, related the measurements of the great pyramid at Giza to some ancient Pharaonic sayings and came up with the conclusion that the first of April last year was when the jig would be up for humanity. He shut himself in his house, with the newspaper people all around him, and saw the day through. When challenged that nothing had happened and the world seemed set to continue in its merry way, he looked angry and said "No comment."

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awaid

Dollar records new advances

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP) — The dollar scored new advances on world money markets Friday in what dealer termed a "bandwagon" of euphoria. Gold rose in London. With no apparent fresh intervention from West German authorities to stem the fall in the mark, the dollar advanced more than a penny to 2.1535 marks.

The market reacted well to President Reagan's first economic message. One dealer noted, "It's short on details and full of promises," but added that the commitment to talk inflation and America's budget deficit gave a "psychological" boost to the dollar.

London's five billion houses fixed the morning gold price Friday at \$506.50 a troy ounce, up from \$492 late Thursday. In Zurich the metal traded at \$499.50, unchanged.

Gold finished at \$501.50 dollars in New York Thursday. The Hong Kong market was closed Friday for the Chinese New Year. Silver was quoted in London at \$13.40 an ounce, up from \$13.05.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 204.40 yen from 202.85 Thursday. In later European trading, the dollar was quoted a 203.75 yen.



KING'S SALUTE: Spanish King Juan Carlos salutes an elderly man in the crowd who turned out to greet the monarch on his arrival Tuesday at Victoria airport where he began a visit to the troubled Basque country of northern Spain.

Mrs. Gro gives priority for jobs

OSLO, Feb. 6 (R) — Norwegian Prime Minister Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland said Friday full employment, moderate exploitation of offshore oil and active work for detente and disarmament were her government's main policies.

Mrs. Brundtland submitted statement on government policy to parliament Friday morning, two days after she succeeded Odvar Nordli who resigned as prime minister for health reasons. General elections will be held in September.

The prime minister made it clear that there would be no change in Norwegian security policies. Norway, a guardian of NATO's northern flank, would remain a member of the alliance in a world marked by economic and political uncertainties, she said.

Because of this situation, it was imperative that an active policy for peace be pursued, she said. "Our own security is based on cooperation within NATO. With this as a starting point, the government will work actively for detente and disarmament," she said.

The policy statement did not mention the idea of nuclear-free zones as part of a broad European security arrangement in which the removal of nuclear arms from Europe is a goal.

A draft proposal on nuclear zones, possibly including one covering the Nordics area within a European arrangement, is expected to be approved by a Labor Party congress early in April, informed sources said. It would then be government policy.

Mrs. Brundtland said the fight against inflation and maintenance of full employment were among the government's main tasks. "Work for everyone is the key to social security and development of human talents," she added.

The prime minister said the country's oil resources would be exploited moderately with revenues used to develop business and trade.

Defense budget

U.S. to match Soviet growth

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan's new civilian defense leadership has prepared a tentative proposal for a huge jump of about \$23.6 billion over the Carter administration's defense budget recommendation for next year.

This will bring the defense budget for the year beginning next Oct. to about \$220 billion, to speed a U.S. military buildup that Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger contends is essential "to rearm America" in the face of steady Soviet armed growth.

At the same time, administration sources said Thursday, Weinberger believes this year's defense budget should be increased by about \$6.4 billion over the Carter administration's revised total of \$171.2 billion in budget authority. The sources said discussion is still underway on the specific mix of programs that could benefit from the increases.

Gen. David Jones, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, testified in congress Wednesday that the military services were seeking about \$8 billion more for this fiscal year,

Defense budget

which ends next Sept. 30 and budget additions "probably in the high 20 to 30" of billions of dollars in the next fiscal year.

Defense officials said emphatically that though Weinberger and the Reagan administration generally strongly favor a significant boost in defense spending, the armed services are not getting "blank checks" to choose what specific weapons and other programs should be increased and by how much.

Some sources said the Pentagon's proposed total for fiscal 1982 may end up a couple of billion dollars higher than the tentative \$220 billion. The Reagan administration's defense budget revisions for this year and next would pile additional spending on top of totals already at record levels when sent to Congress just before President Jimmy Carter left office in January.

In testimony on Capitol Hill, Weinberger said that projected inflation rates on which the Carter defense budgets for fiscal 1981 and 1982 were based had been underestimated, reflecting "desired rather than realistic inflation rates."

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United States representative, declared in his first remarks to the U.N. Human Rights Commission which convened Monday. "It is as though this chamber has retrogressed 40 years — as though this is not 1981 but 1941, and not Geneva but along the Hitler-Stalin axis."

Novak's bristling remarks, delivered in a vigorous defense of Israel, caught most delegations unawares and provoked scathing replies from several Arab and other countries.

The Arab leader observed, expressing outrage at what he termed "an extremely strange, violent and incoherent statement," asserted that the "greatest terrorist of our times was the one who pushed the button of the atomic bomb."

Though considerably more moderate, Algeria's delegate took the floor and spoke of "regret" about Novak's statement. Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Vietnam reiterated support for inalienable Palestinian rights.

Novak's pronouncements, because they had been expected to give dimension to the Reagan administration's human rights policies, were awaited with considerable interest by delegations and observers to the Geneva talks.

Mail trains attacked by bandits in Dublin

DUBLIN, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Armed bandits attacked two mail trains early Friday in the Irish Republic, in raids attributed to the provisional IRA. The first happened at Dublin central station, when a gang including two women burst into a train, seized a number of mailbags and fled.

Hours later, another gang switched some rail signals to red and brought the Dublin-Cork night mail train screeching to a halt. They too made off with mailbags, after telling railway workers that a bomb had been planted in the engine.

Police did not know what the mailbags contained but believed the raids were staged by militants of the provisional Irish Republican Army.

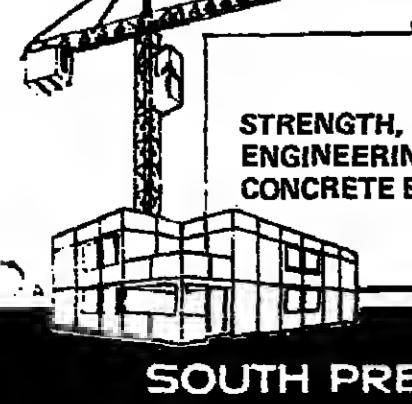
Meanwhile, a policeman was shot dead and a companion badly wounded in Belfast Thursday morning, only hours after Protestant leader Ian Paisley staged a dramatic pre-dawn parade of 500 militants waving gun licenses.

Philippe Maupas dead

BLOIS, France, Feb. 6 (AFP) — Professor Philippe Maupas, 41, discoverer of a hepatitis vaccine, died here Friday of injuries sustained in an automobile accident Sunday. Maupas was injured when his car went out of control on Laun Aurouze near here and smashed into an emergency telephone post on the side of the highway. He was thrown from the car by the force of the collision.

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